

# EECE 5639 Computer Vision I

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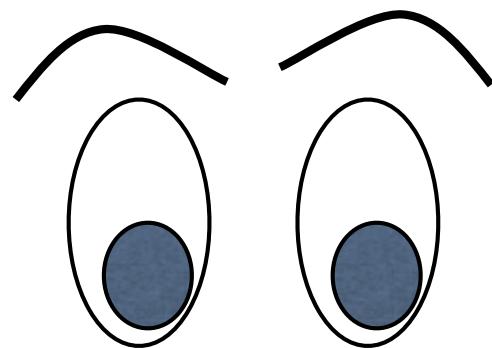
Lecture 15

Stereo: Epipolar Geometry

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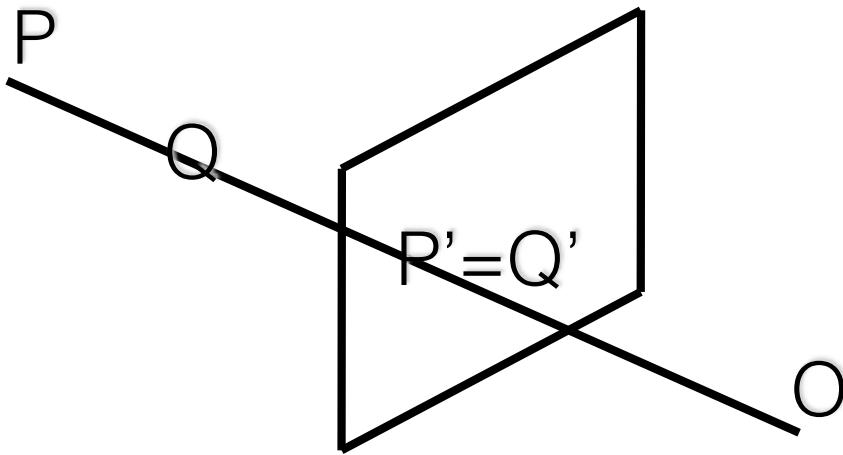
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# Stereo Vision



# Why Stereo Vision?

2D images project 3D points into 2D:



- 3D Points on the same viewing line have the same 2D image:
- 2D imaging results in depth information loss

# Stereo Vision

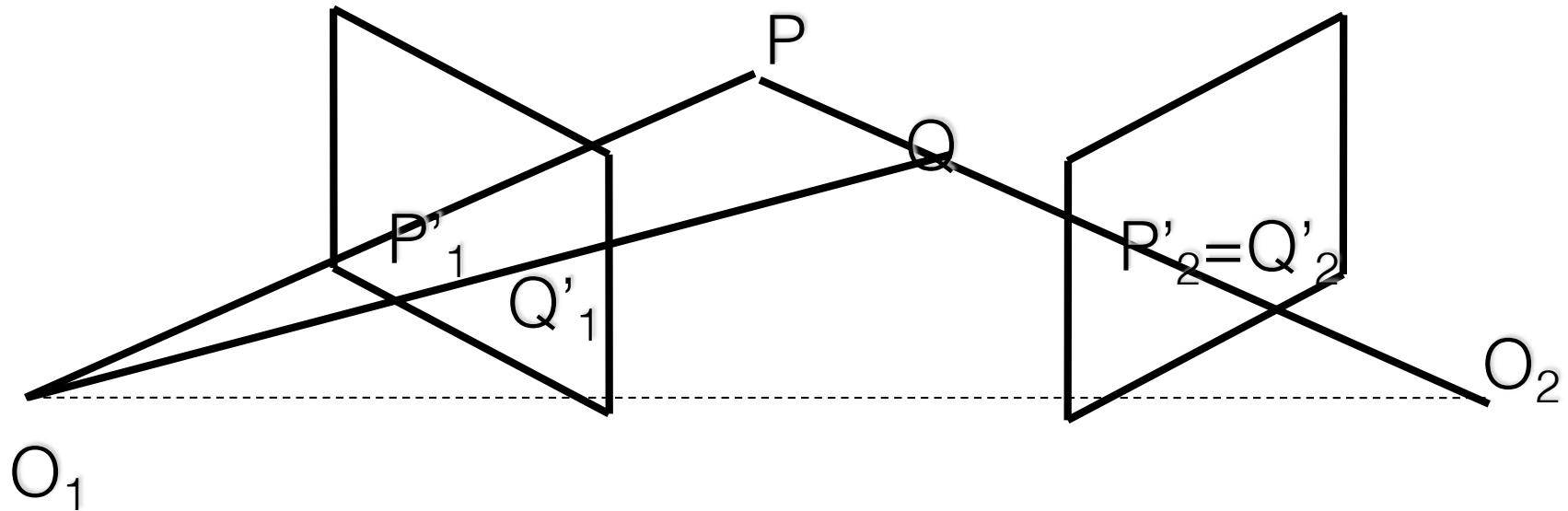
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Refers to the ability of:

The ability to infer information on the 3D structure and distance of a scene from two or more images taken from different viewpoints.

# Recovering Depth Information:

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Depth can be recovered with two images and triangulation.

# Stereo Vision Problems:

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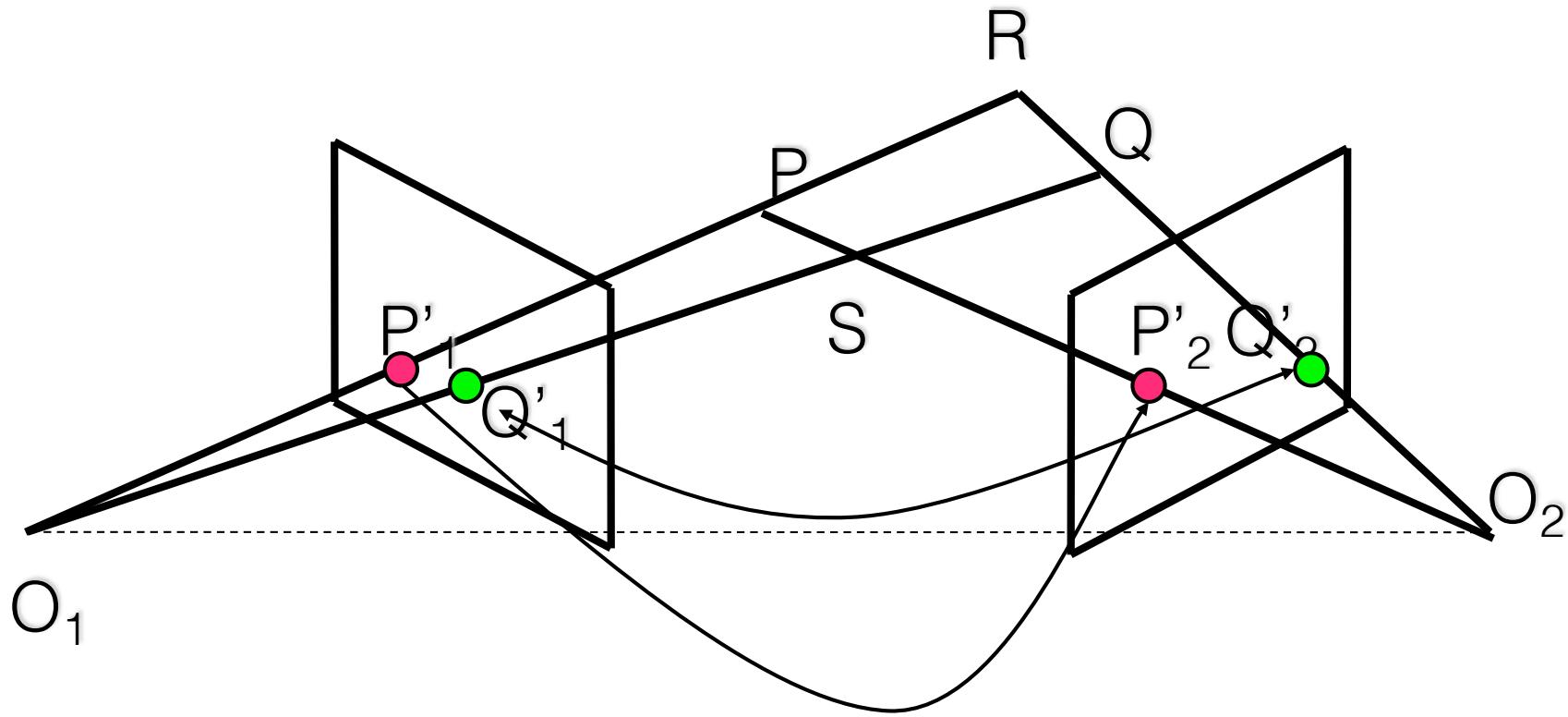
## **Correspondence Problem:**

Determining which pixel on the left corresponds to which pixel on the right.

## **Reconstruction Problem:**

Given a number of correspondence pairs and camera geometry information, find location and 3D structure of the observed objects.

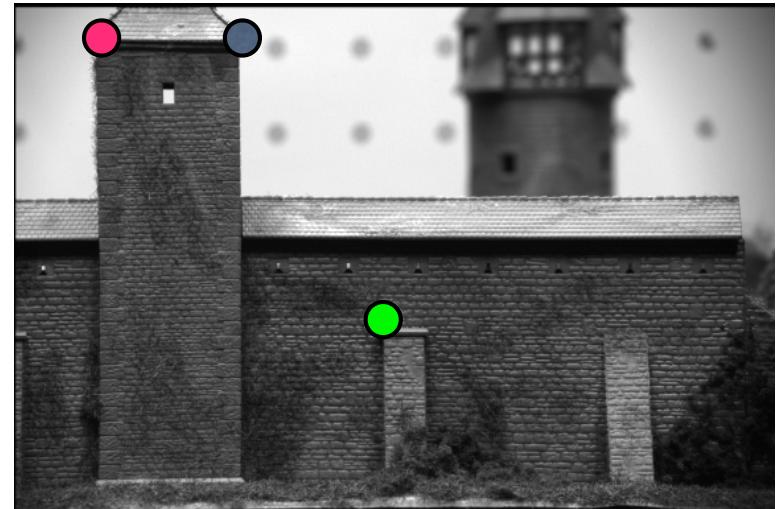
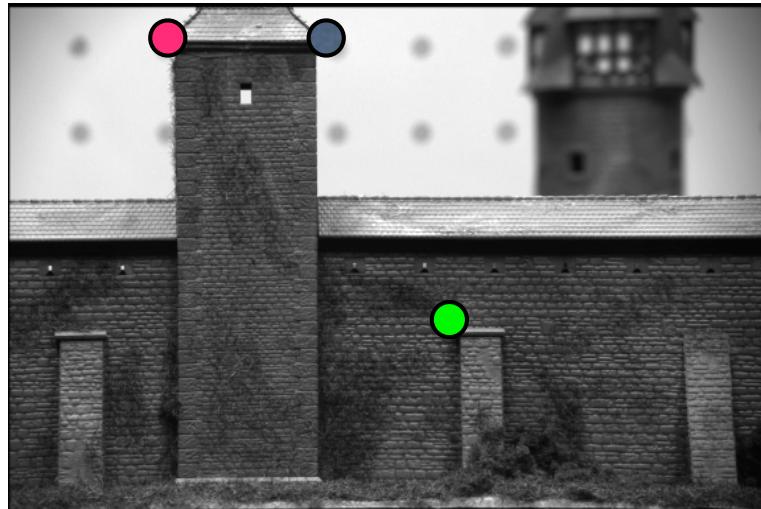
# Finding Correspondences:



Wrong correspondences can result in large depth errors!

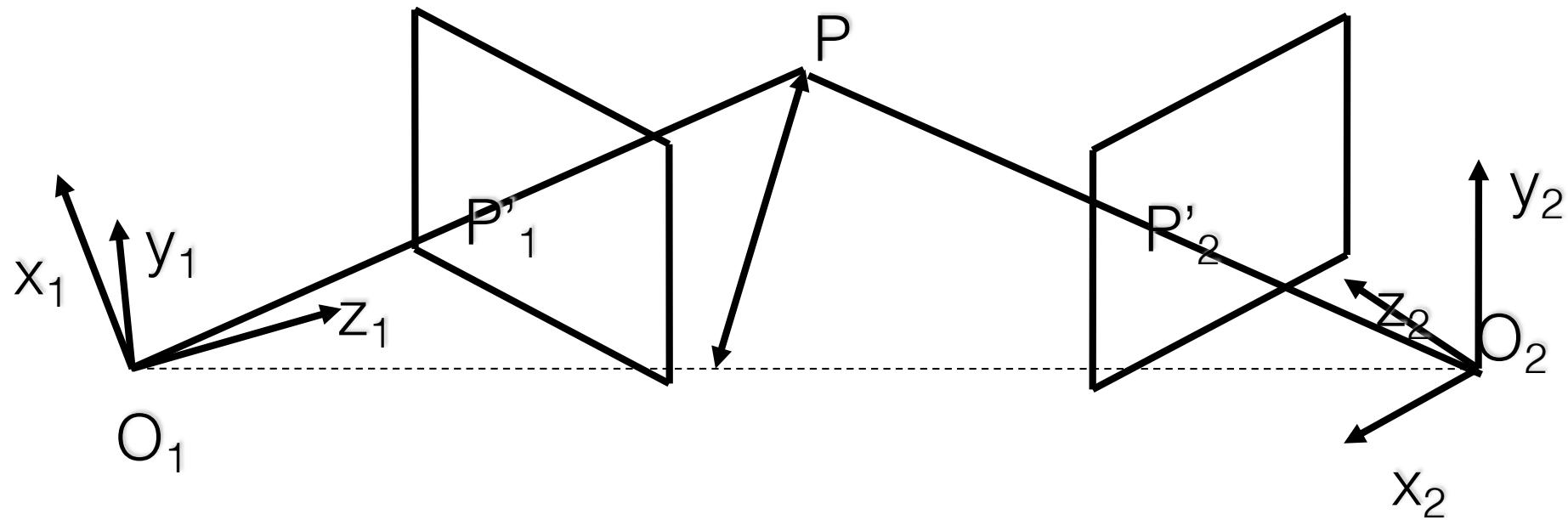
# Finding Correspondences:

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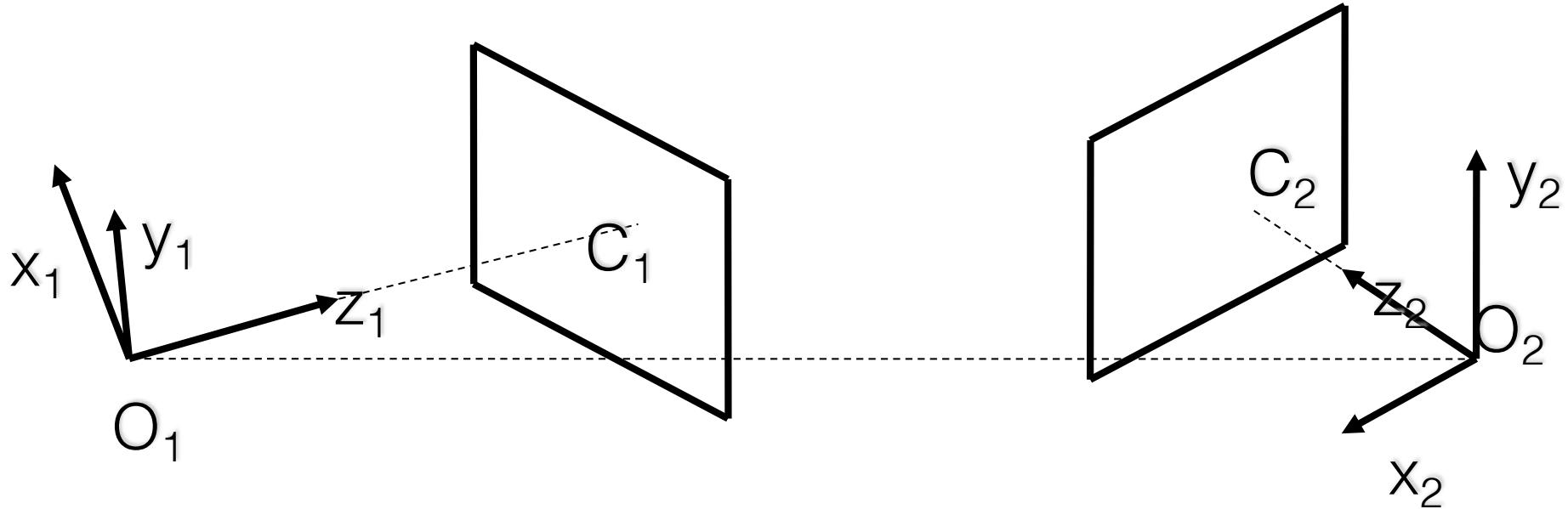
# 3D Reconstruction

Given the correspondences, “triangulate” to find depth:



The stereo rig must be calibrated!

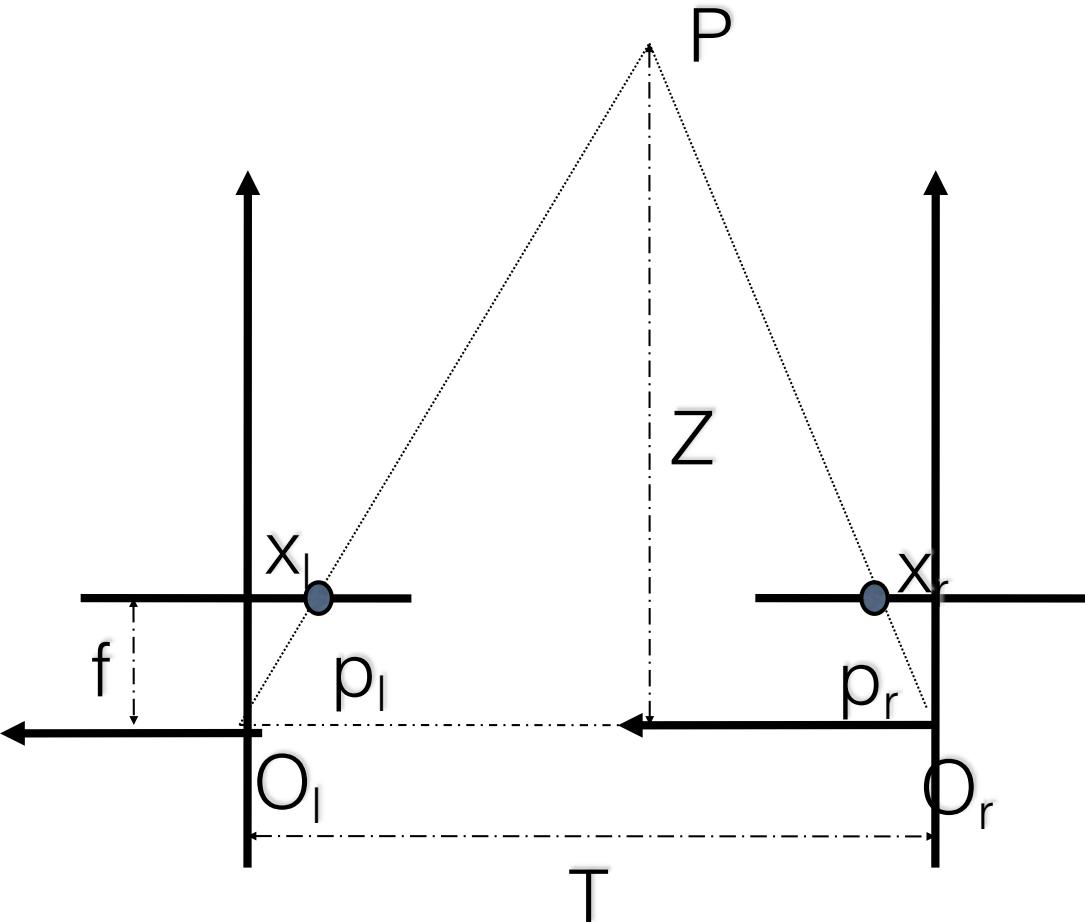
# Parameters of a Stereo System



- Intrinsic:
  - $f_1$  and  $f_2$ : focal lengths
  - $c_1$  and  $c_2$ : principal points
  - Pixel size

- Extrinsic
  - Transformation ( $R, T$ ) between cameras

# A simple stereo system



$$\frac{T + x_l - x_r}{Z - f} = \frac{T}{Z}$$

$$Z = f \frac{T}{x_r - x_l}$$

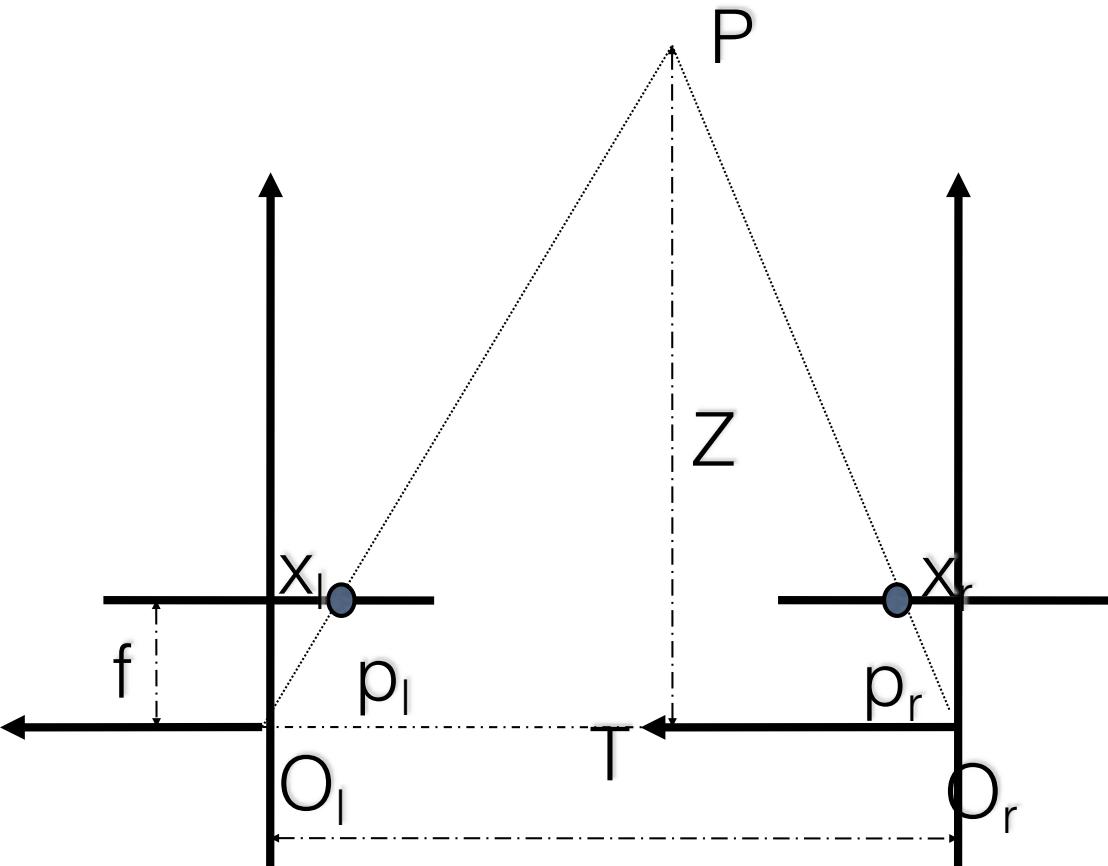
$$Z = f \frac{T}{d}$$

**Disparity:**  $d = x_r - x_l$

$T$  is the stereo baseline

$d$  measures the difference in retinal position between corresponding points

# A simple stereo system



$$Z = f \frac{T}{d}$$

- Depth is inversely proportional to disparity

# The Correspondence Problem

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## Basic assumptions:

Most scene points are **visible** in both images

Corresponding image regions are **similar**

## These assumptions hold if:

The distance of the fixation point from the cameras is much larger than the stereo baseline:  $Z \gg T$

# The Correspondence Problem

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**Is a “search” problem:**

Given an element in the left image, search for the corresponding element in the right image.

We must choose:

Elements to match

A similarity measure to compare elements

# Correspondence Problem

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## Two classes of algorithms:

Correlation-based algorithms

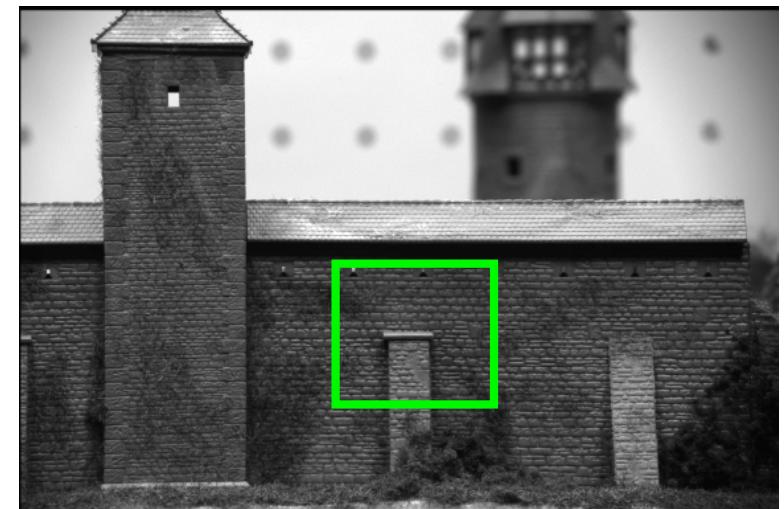
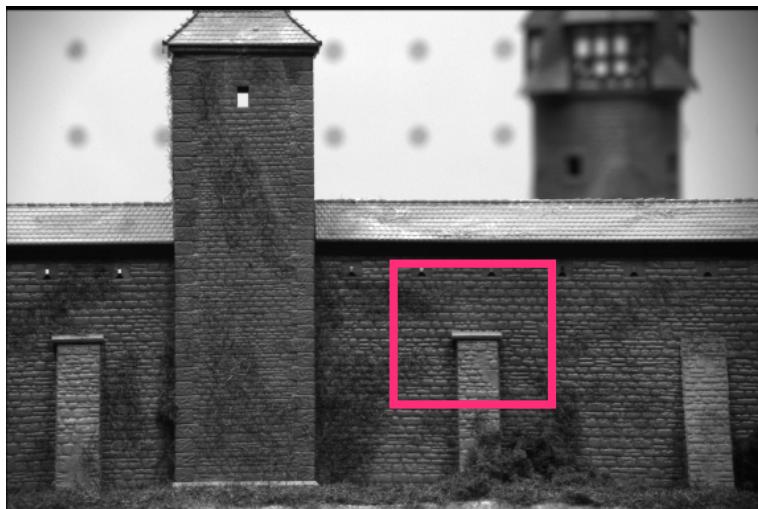
Produce a DENSE set of correspondences

Feature-based algorithms

Produce a SPARSE set of correspondences

# Correlation-based Algorithms

Elements to be matched:  
image WINDOWS of fixed size.



# Finding the disparity map

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Inputs:

Left image  $I_l$

Right image  $I_r$

Parameters that must be chosen:

Correlation Window size  $2W+1$

Search Window size  $\omega$

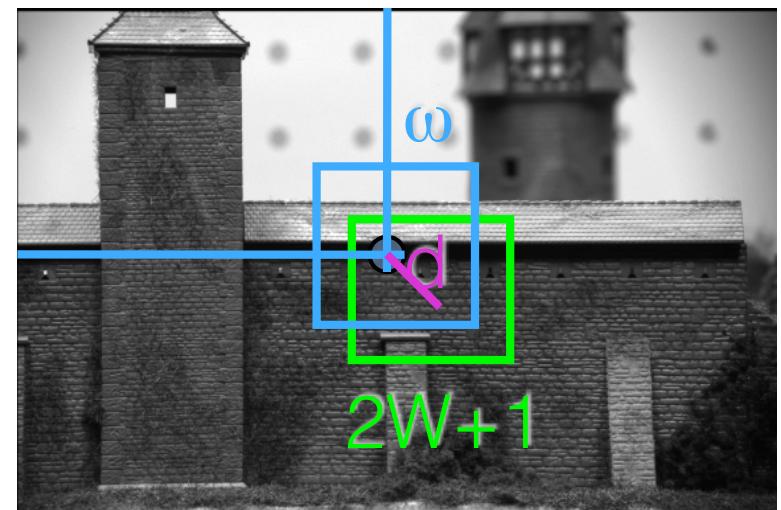
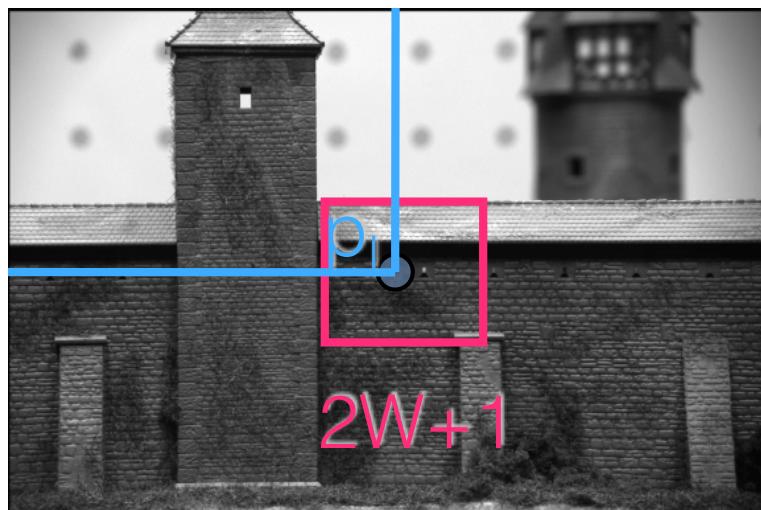
Similarity measure  $\Psi$

# CORR\_MATCHING Algorithm

Let  $p_l$  and  $p_r$  be pixels on the  $I_l$  and  $I_r$

Let  $R(p_l)$  be the search window  $\omega \times \omega$  on  $I_r$  associated with  $p_l$

Let  $d$  be the displacement between  $p_l$  and a point in  $R(p_l)$ .



# CORR\_MATCHING Algorithm

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For each pixel  $p_l = [i, j]$  in  $I_l$  do:

For each displacement  $d = [d_1, d_2]$  in  $R(p_l)$  compute:

$$C(d) = \sum_{l=-W}^{l=W} \sum_{k=-W}^{k=W} \Psi(I_l(i+k, j+l), I_r(i+k-d_1, j+l-d_2))$$

The disparity at  $p_l$  is the vector  $d$  with best  $C(d)$  over  $R(p_l)$

(i.e. max.  $C_{fg}$ , or min. SSD)

Output the disparity for each pixel  $p_l$

# How do we set W, R and $\omega$ ?

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**W** (width of the correlation window):

should be based on the “scale” of the scene.

**R( $P_I$ )** and  **$\omega$**  (search window):

Should be estimated based on the range of scene distances and the baseline:

$$Z = fT/d \text{ or } d = fT/Z$$

# Feature-based Methods

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Similar to Correlation-based methods, but:

They only search for correspondences of a **sparse** set of image features.

Correspondences are given by the most similar feature pairs.

Similarity measure must be adapted to the type of feature used.

# Feature-based Methods:

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Features most commonly used:

Corners, SIFT

Similarity measured in terms of:

- surrounding gray values (SSD, Cross-correlation)

- SIFT descriptor

- location

Edges, Lines

Similarity measured in terms of:

- orientation

- contrast

- coordinates of edge or line's midpoint

- length of line

# Example: Comparing lines

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$l_l$  and  $l_r$ : line lengths

$\theta_l$  and  $\theta_r$ : line orientations

$(x_l, y_l)$  and  $(x_r, y_r)$ : midpoints

$c_l$  and  $c_r$ : average contrast along lines

$\omega_l, \omega_\theta, \omega_m, \omega_c$ : weights controlling influence

$$S = \frac{1}{\omega_l(l_l - l_r)^2 + \omega_\theta(\theta_l - \theta_r)^2 + \omega_m[(x_l - x_r)^2 + (y_l - y_r)^2] + \omega_c(c_l - c_r)^2}$$

The more similar the lines, the larger S is!

# FEATURE\_MATCHING Algorithm

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Inputs:

$I_l$  and  $I_r$

Set of features on the left and right

Things that must be chosen:

Search Window

Similarity measure

# FEATURE\_MATCHING Algorithm

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For each feature  $f_l$  in the left image:

Compute the similarity measure between  $f_l$  and every feature in the search window  $R(f_l)$

Select the feature in  $R(f_l)$  that maximizes the similarity measure.

Save the correspondence and the disparity of  $f_l$

Output the list of correspondences and disparities.

# Which method should we use?

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## Correlation methods:

dense maps, good for surface reconstruction

Require textured images

Sensitive to illumination variations

Inadequate for very different viewpoints

## Feature methods:

Sparse maps, good for navigation

Require prior knowledge of type of scene

Must find features first

# Constraining the Search Space

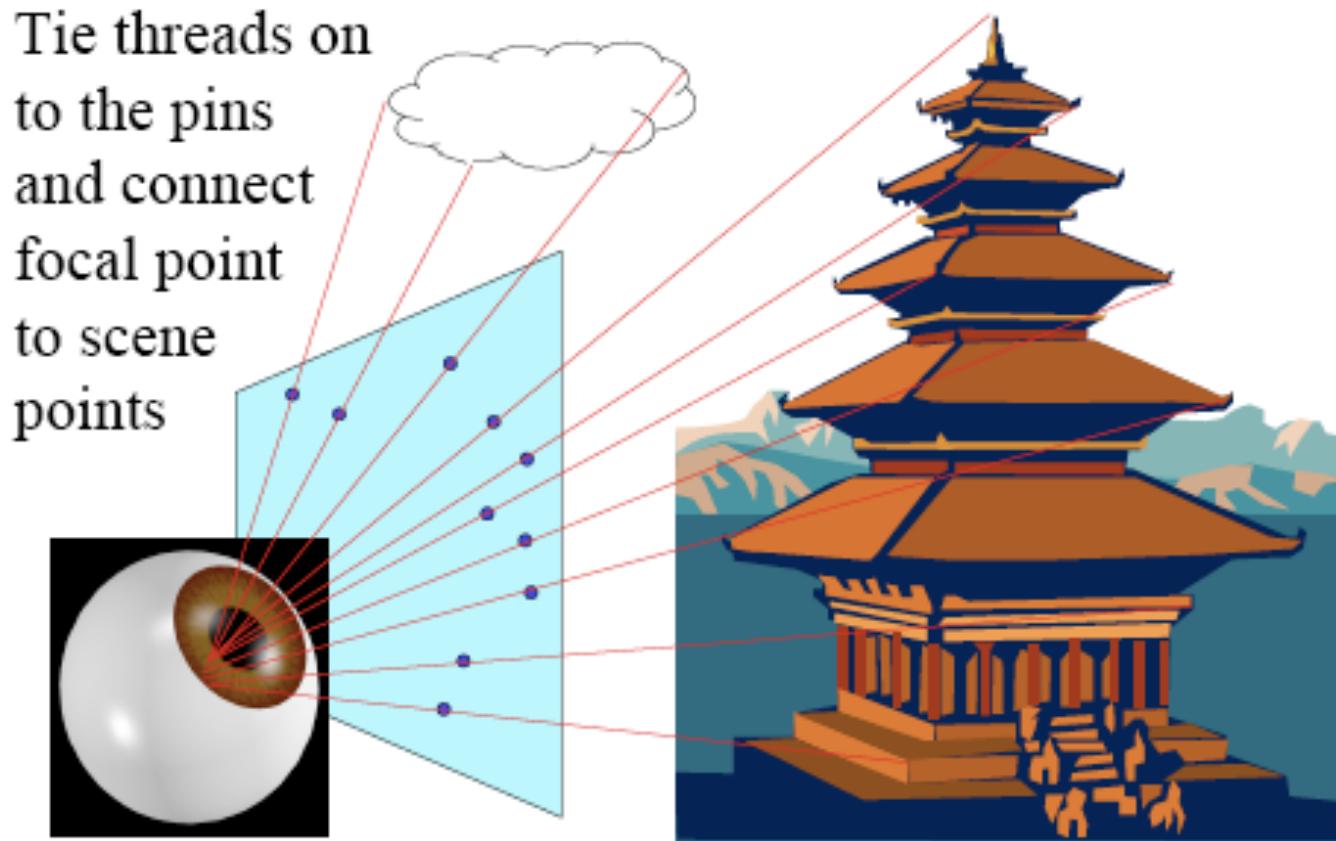
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Finding correspondences is a search problem.

Geometry can be used to constrain the search.

# Rays to Pts in the Scene

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Now what would this look like to a second observer?

# Rays Seen from Second Observer

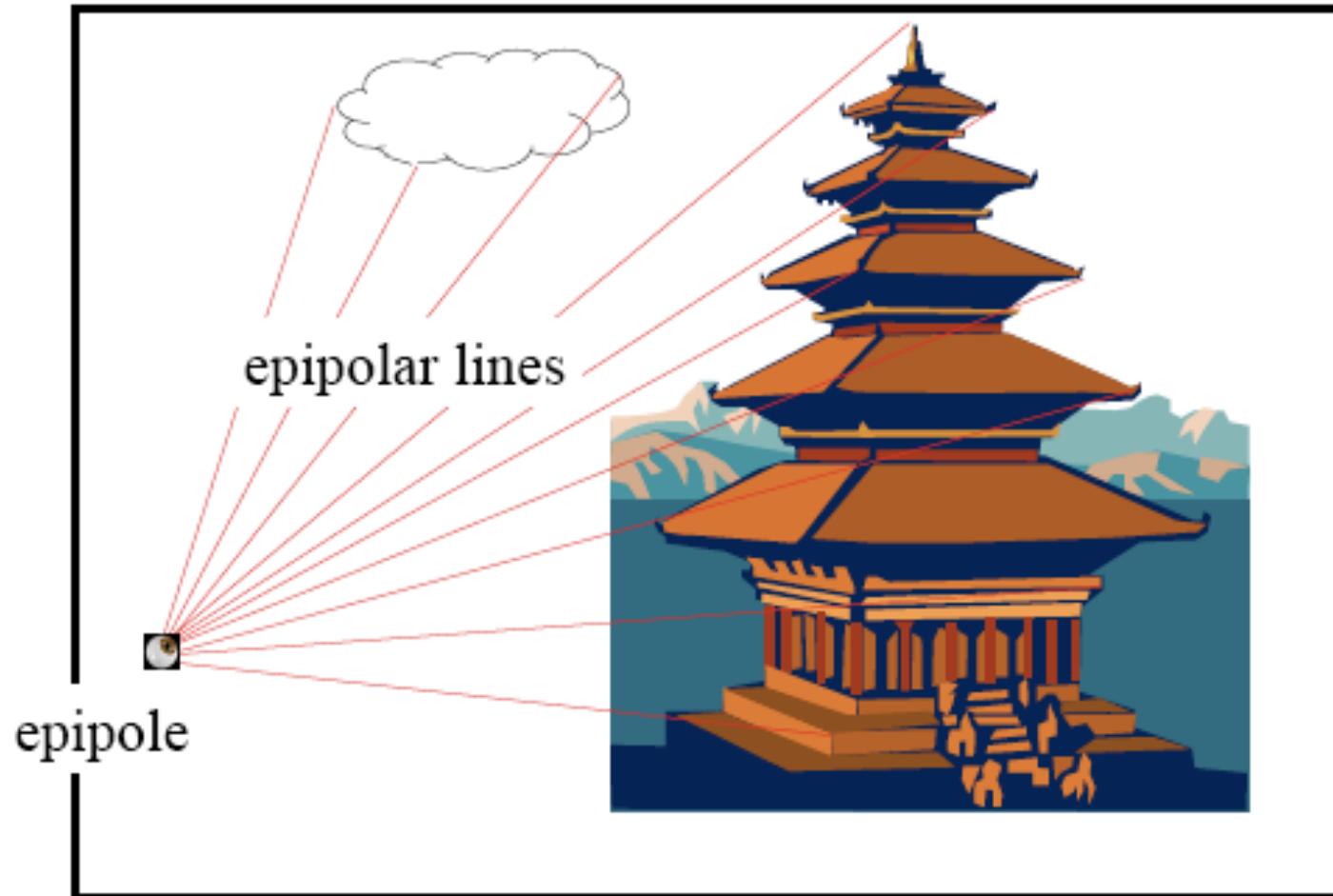


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# Rays Seen by the First Viewer

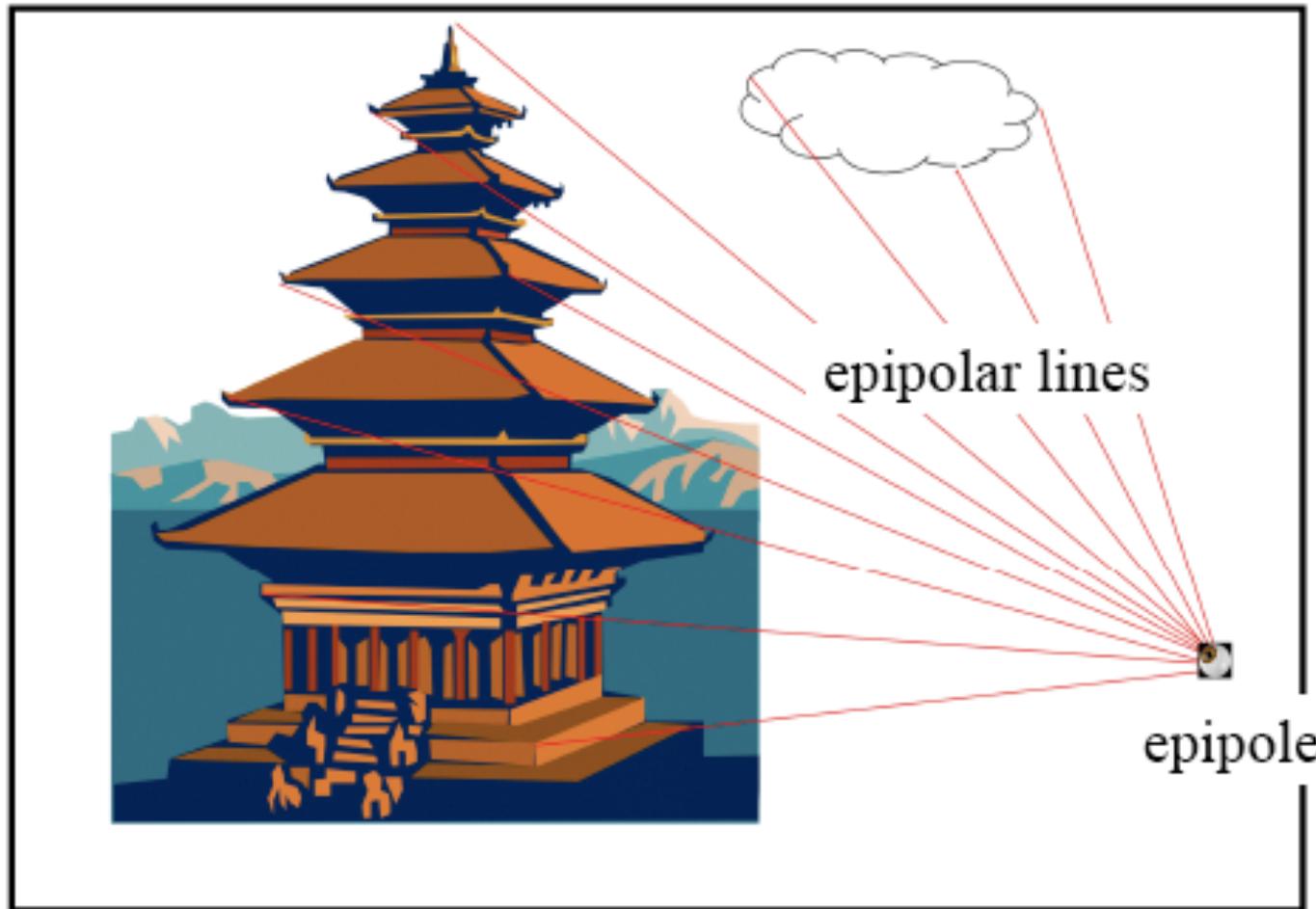


Image 1

# Epipolar Geometry

image1

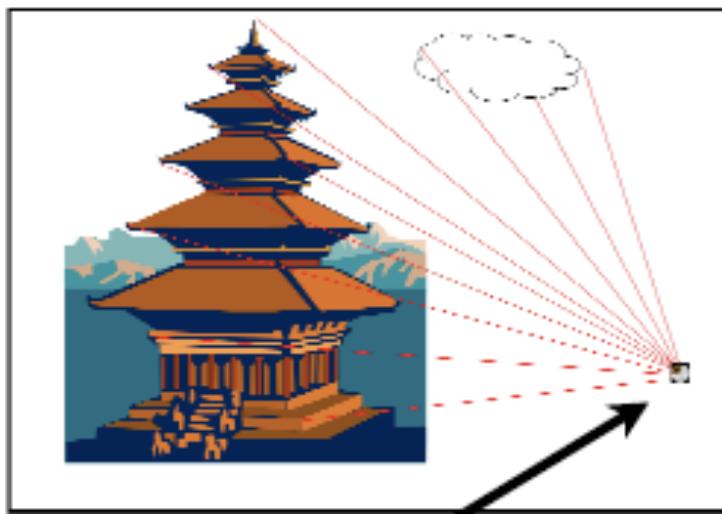
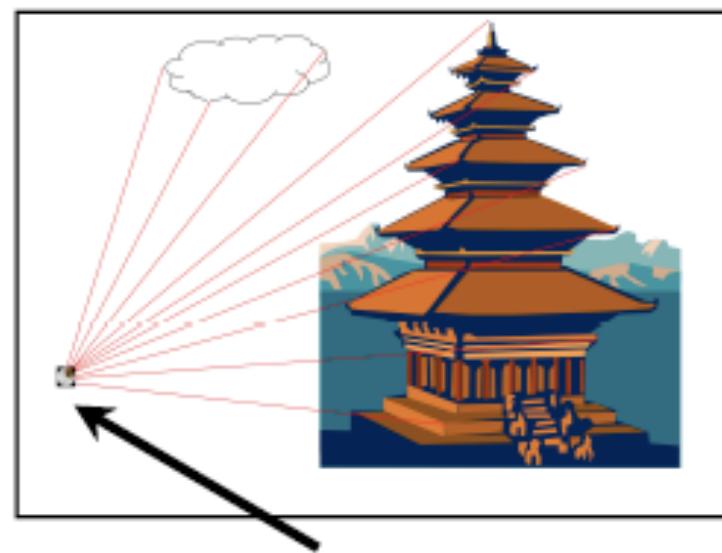


image 2



Epipole : location of cam2  
as seen by cam1.

Epipole : location of cam1  
as seen by cam2.

# Epipolar Geometry

image 1

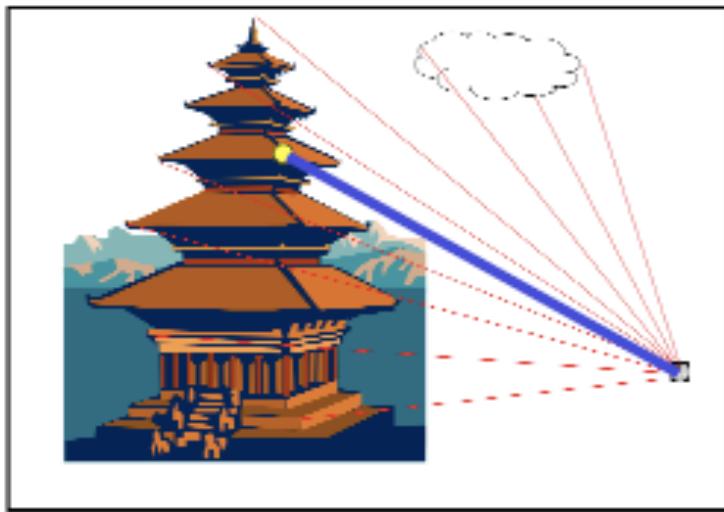
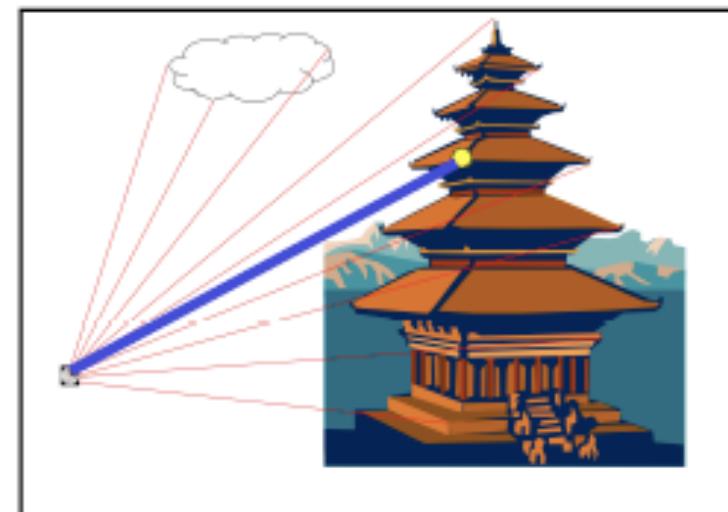
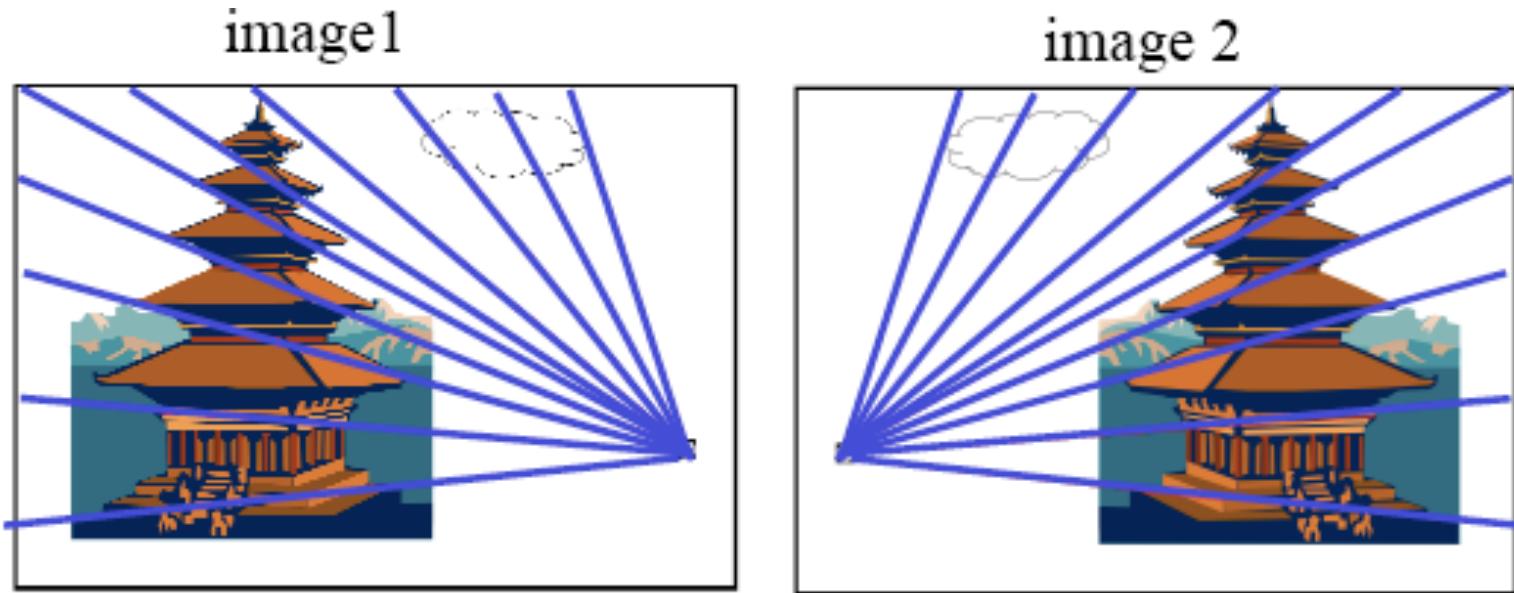


image 2



Corresponding points  
lie on conjugate epipolar lines

# Epipolar Geometry



Conjugate epipolar lines induce  
a generalized 1D “scan-line” ordering  
on the images (analogous to traditional  
scan line ordering of rows in an image)

# Epipole, not necessarily in the image

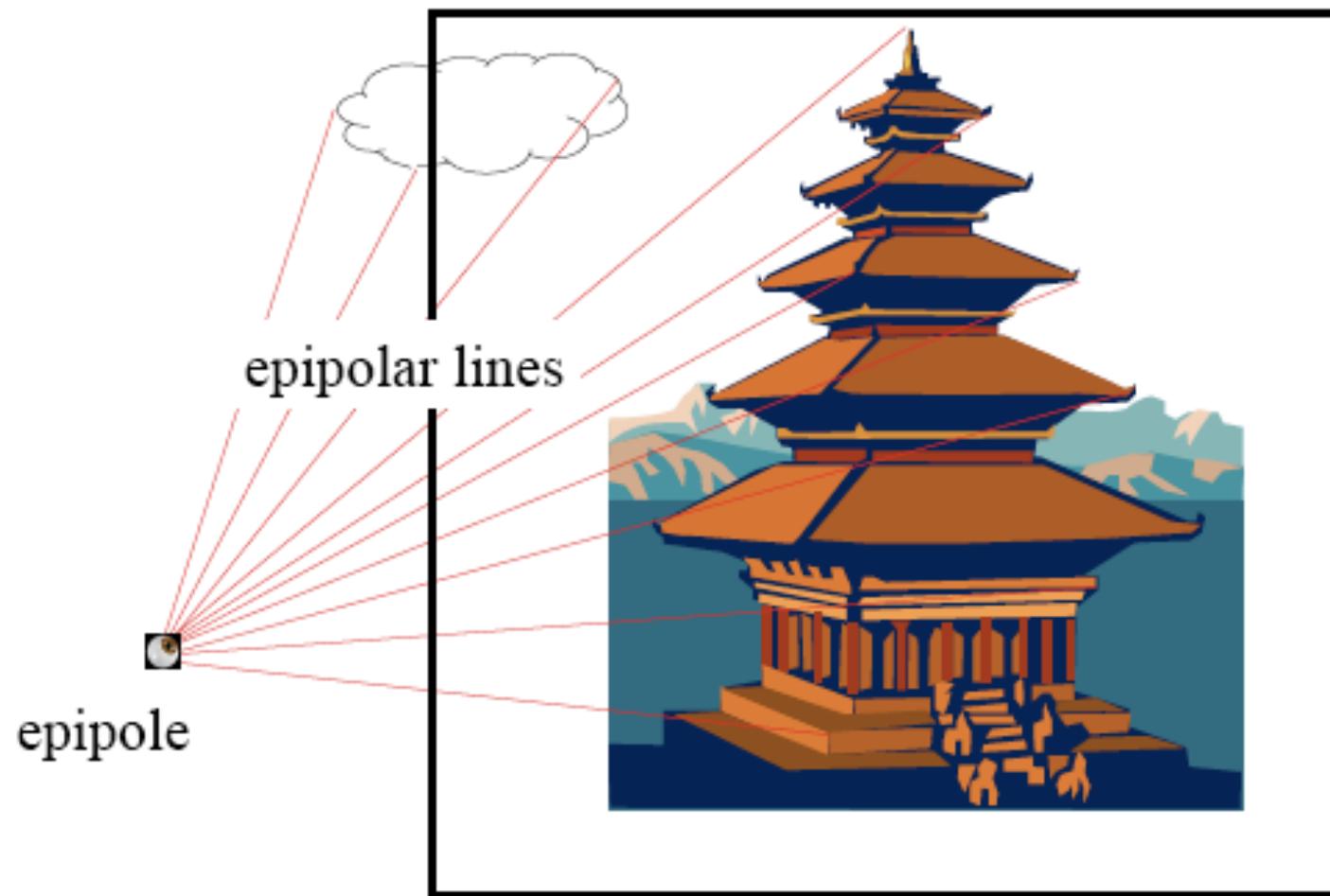
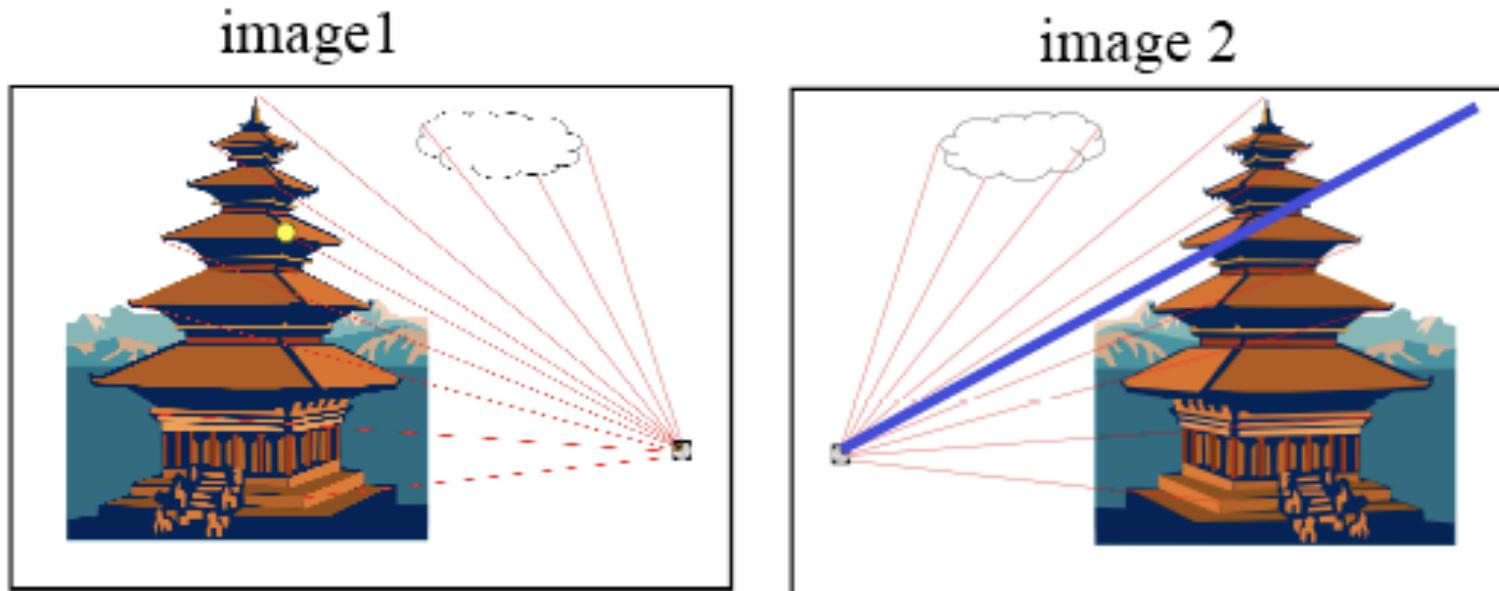


Image 2

# How do we find Epipolar Lines?



Given a point in one image, how do we determine the corresponding epipolar line to search along in the second image?

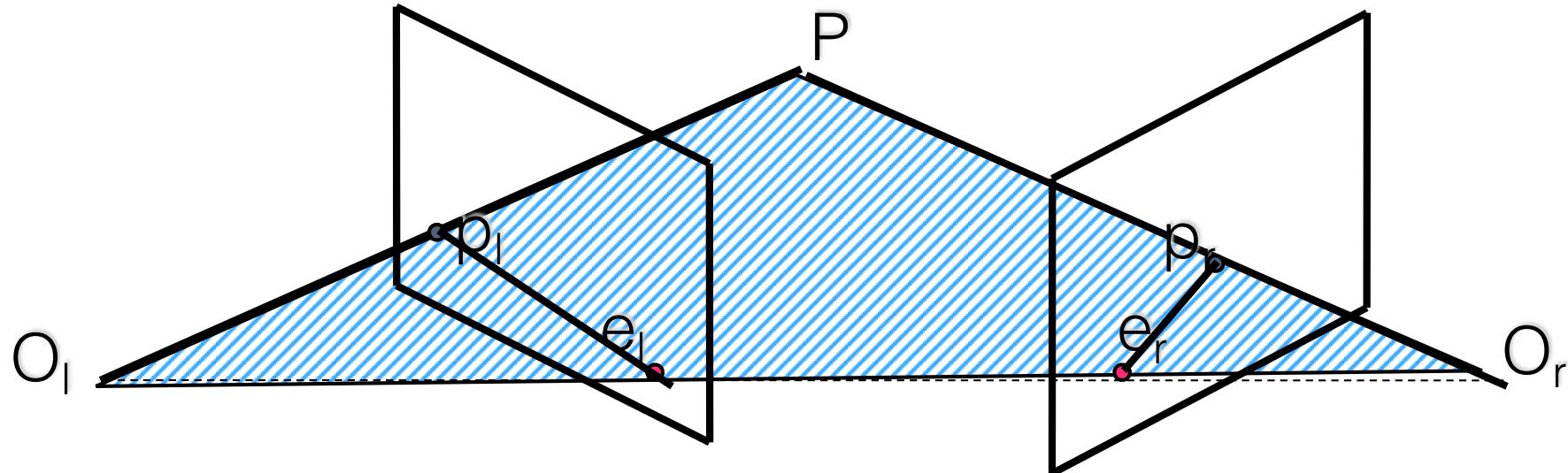
# Essential Matrix

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The **ESSENTIAL** matrix is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix that “encodes” the epipolar geometry of two views.

Given a point in an image, multiplying by the Essential Matrix, will tell us the **EPIPOLAR** line in the second image where the corresponding point must be.

# Epipolar Geometry



## Epipoles:

- $e_l$ : left image of  $O_r$
- $e_r$ : right image of  $O_l$

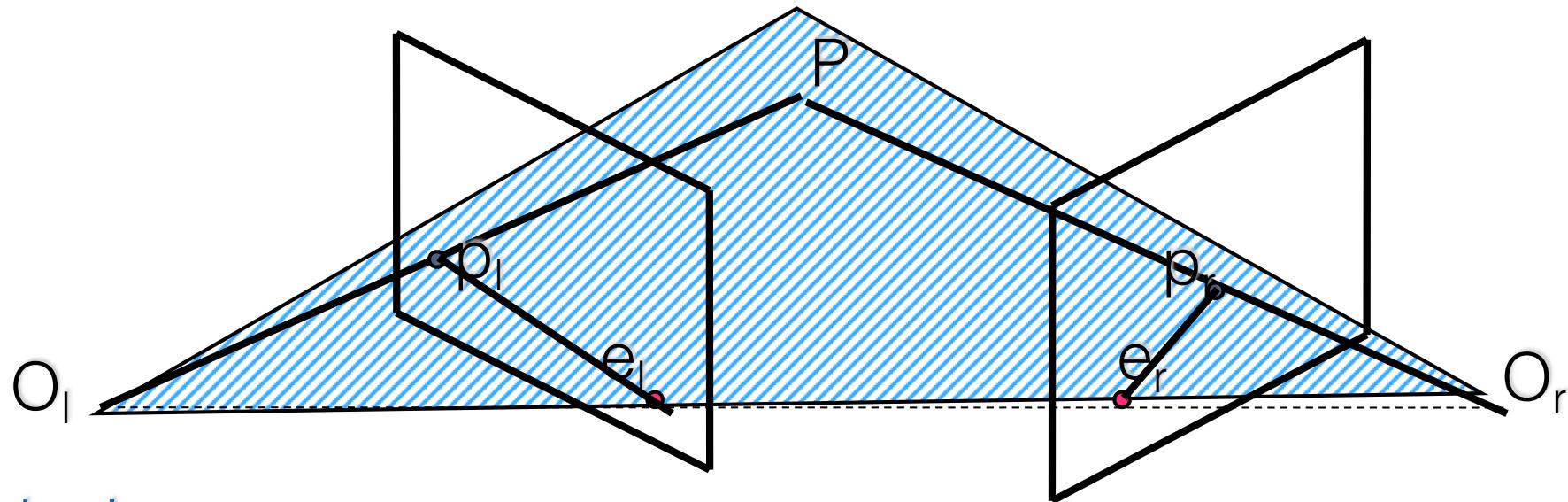
## Epipolar plane:

- Three points:  $O_l, O_r$ , and  $P$  define an epipolar plane

## Epipolar lines and epipolar constraint:

- Intersections of epipolar plane with the image planes
- Corresponding points are on “conjugate” epipolar lines

# Epipolar Constraint:



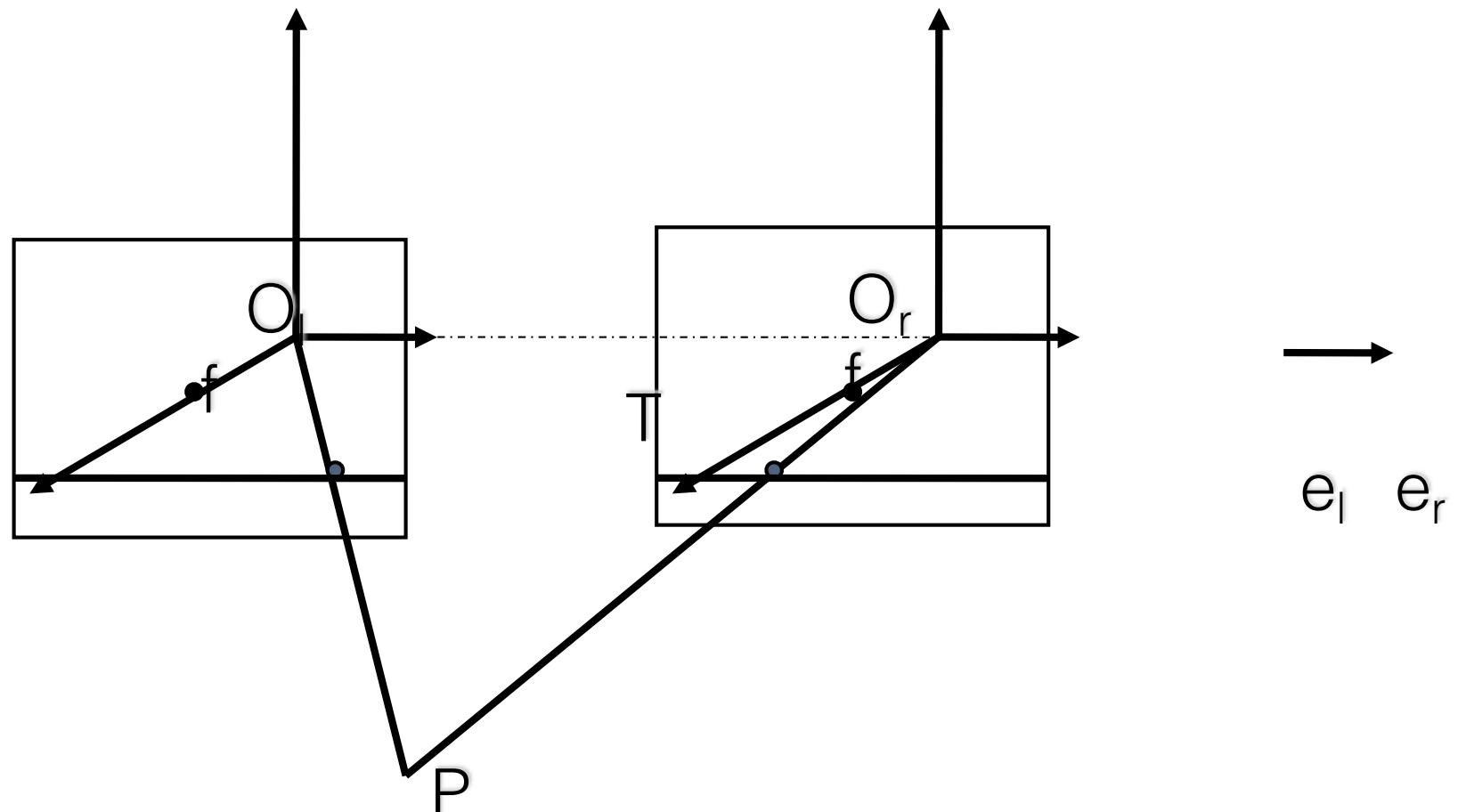
Find Epipoles:

- $e_L$ : left image of  $O_R$
- $e_R$ : right image of  $O_L$

Given  $p_L$ :

- consider its epipolar line:  $p_L e_L$
- find epipolar plane:  $O_L, p_L, e_L$
- intersect the epipolar plane with the right image plane
- search for  $p_R$  on the right epipolar line

# Epipolar Geometry for Parallel Cameras

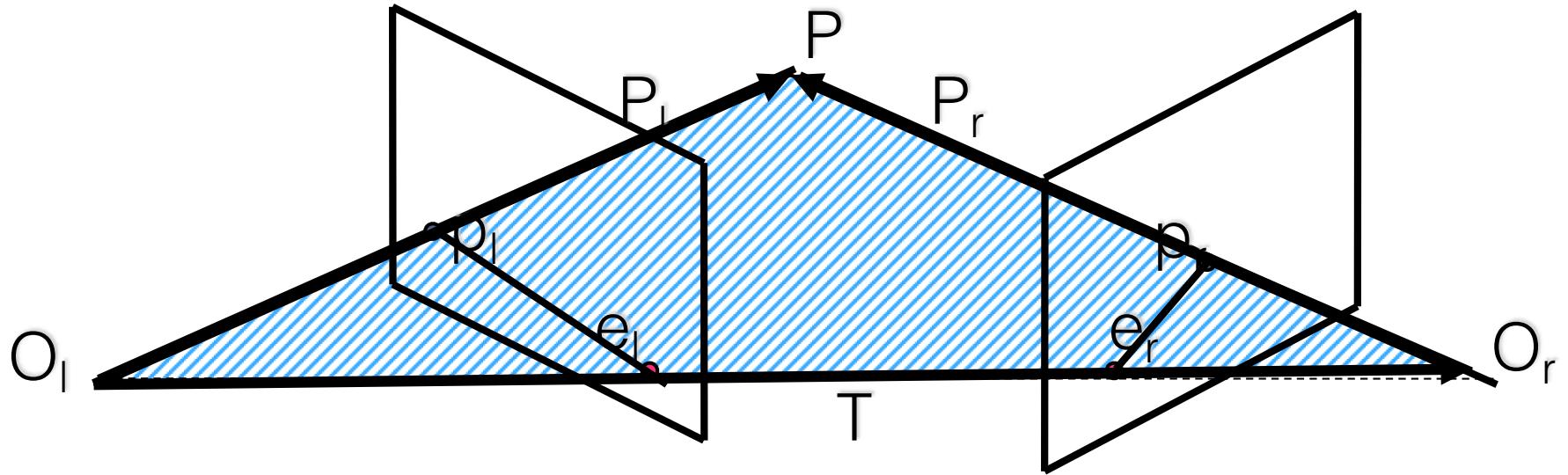


Epipoles are at infinity

Epipolar lines are parallel to the baseline

# Essential Matrix

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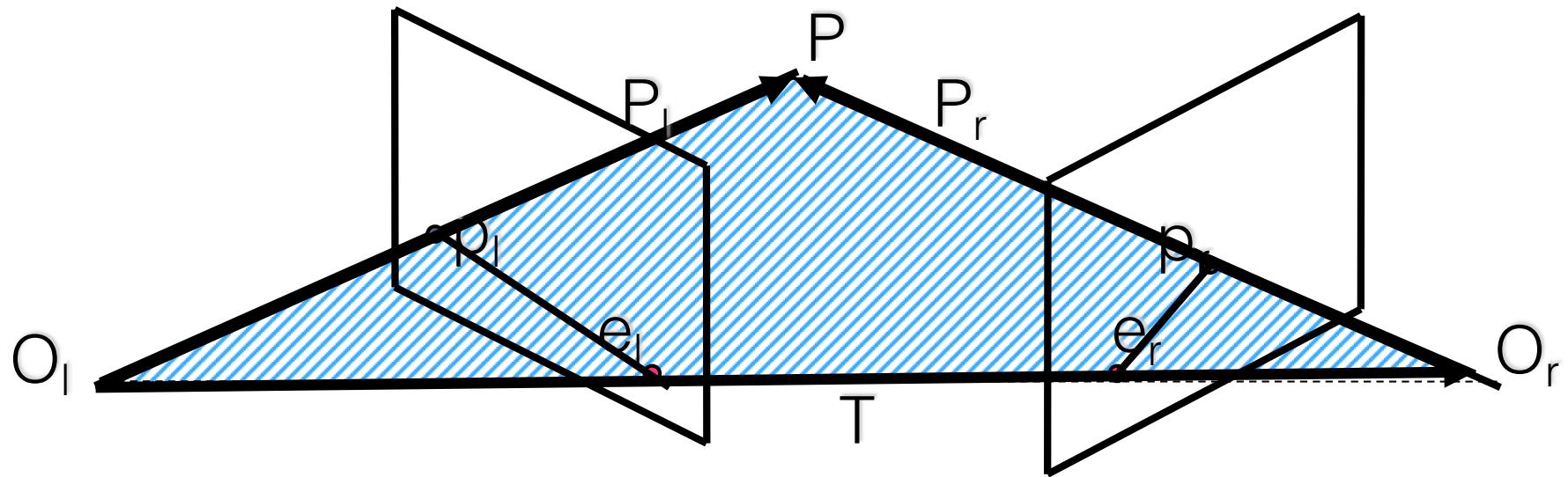


$$P_r = R(P_l - T)$$

$$P_l - T = R^{-1}P_r = R^T P_r$$

# Essential Matrix

Epipolar constraint:  $P_l$ ,  $T$  and  $P_l - T$  are coplanar:

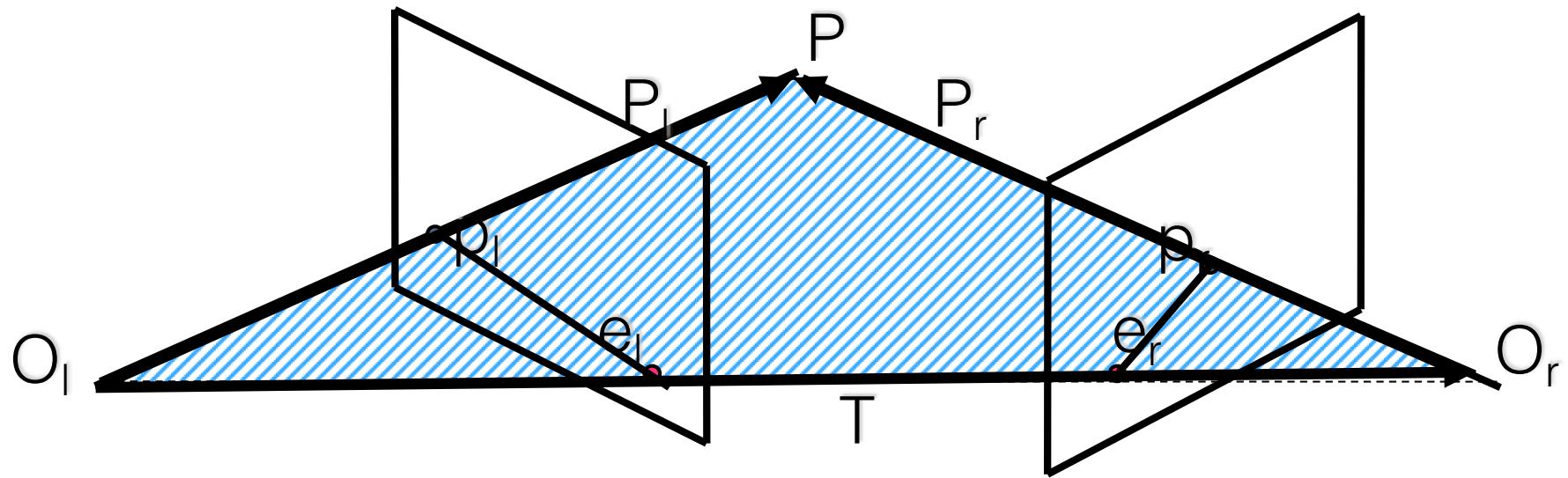


$$(P_l - T)^T \cdot T \times P_l = 0$$

$$P_l - T = R^T P_r \Rightarrow (R^T P_r)^T \cdot T \times P_l = 0$$

# Essential Matrix

Epipolar constraint:  $P_l$ ,  $T$  and  $P_l - T$  are coplanar:



$$(R^T P_r)^T \cdot T \times P_l = 0$$

$$(P_r^T R) \cdot (T \times P_l) = 0$$

# Vector Product as a Matrix Multiplication

$$T \times P_l = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ T_x & T_y & T_z \\ P_{l_x} & P_{l_y} & P_{l_z} \end{vmatrix}$$

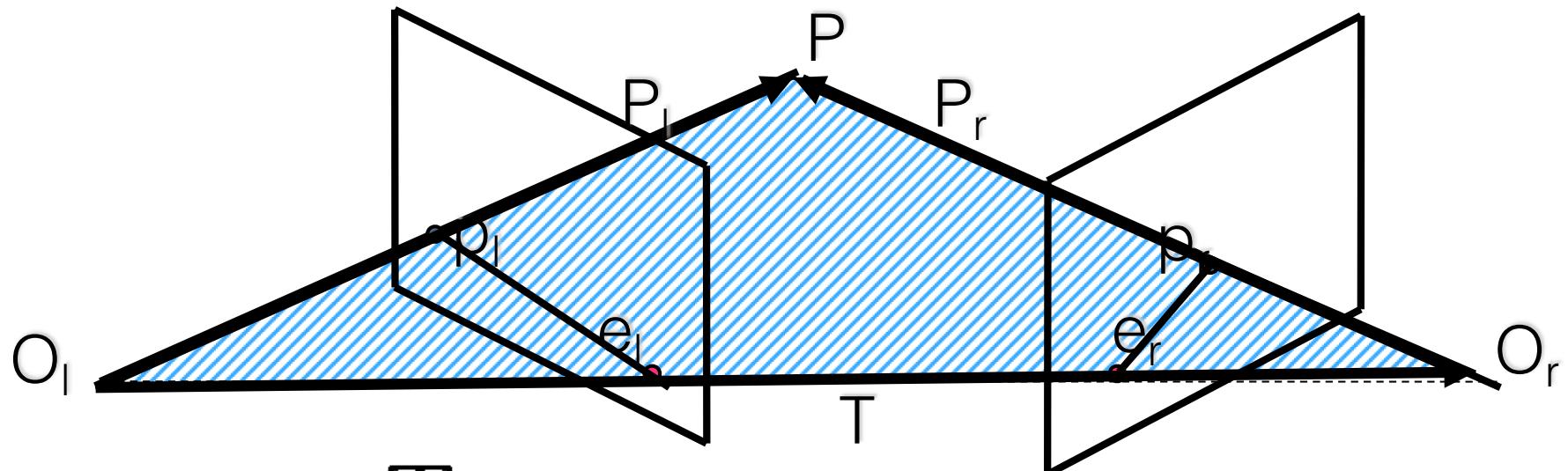
$$T \times P_l = (T_y P_{l_z} - T_z P_{l_y})i + (T_z P_{l_x} - T_x P_{l_z})j + (T_x P_{l_y} - T_y P_{l_x})k$$

$$T \times P_l = S P_l = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{l_x} \\ P_{l_y} \\ P_{l_z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_y P_{l_z} - T_z P_{l_y} \\ T_z P_{l_x} - T_x P_{l_z} \\ T_x P_{l_y} - T_y P_{l_x} \end{bmatrix}$$

S has rank 2 ; it depends only on T

# Essential Matrix

Epipolar constraint:  $P_l$ ,  $T$  and  $P_l - T$  are coplanar:

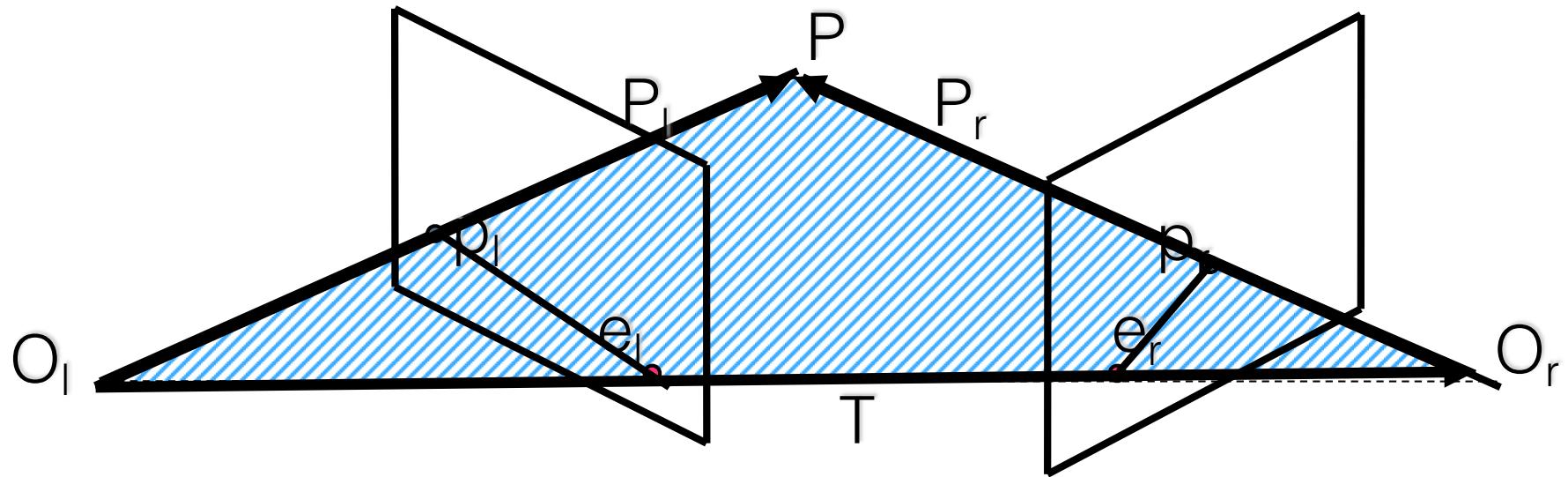


$$(P_r^T R) \cdot (T \times P_l) = 0$$

$$P_r^T R S P_l = 0$$

# Essential Matrix

Epipolar constraint:  $P_l$ ,  $T$  and  $P_l - T$  are coplanar:



$$P_r^T R S P_l = 0$$

Essential Matrix:

$$E = R S \quad P_r^T E P_l = 0$$

# Essential Matrix Properties

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has rank 2

depends only on the EXTRINSIC Parameters (R & T)

$$E = RS$$

# Longuet-Higgins equation

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$$P_r^T E P_l = 0$$

$$p_l = \frac{f_l}{Z_l} P_l \quad p_r = \frac{f_r}{Z_r} P_r$$

$$\left( \frac{Z_r}{f_r} p_r \right)^T E \left( \frac{Z_l}{f_l} p_l \right) = 0$$

$$p_r^T E p_l = 0$$

# Epipolar Lines

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Let  $l$  be a line in the image:

$$au + bv + c = 0$$

- Using homogeneous coordinates:

$$\tilde{p} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{l} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

$\tilde{p}^T \tilde{l} = \tilde{l}^T \tilde{p} = 0$

# Epipolar Lines

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Remember:

$$p_r^T E p_l = 0$$

$$\tilde{l}_r = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

$p_r$  belongs to epipolar line in the right image defined by

$$\tilde{l}_r = E p_l$$

# Epipolar Lines

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Remember:

$$(p_r^T E) p_l = 0$$

$$\tilde{l}_l^T = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$p_l$  belongs to epipolar line in the left image defined by

$$\tilde{l}_l = E^T p_r$$

# Epipoles

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Remember: epipoles belong to the epipolar lines

$$e_r^T E p_l = 0 \quad p_r^T E e_l = 0$$

- And they belong to all the epipolar lines

$$e_r^T E = 0 \quad E e_l = 0$$

# Essential Matrix Summary

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Longuet-Higgins equation

$$p_r^T E p_l = 0$$

Epipolar lines:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{p}_r^T \tilde{l}_r &= 0 & \tilde{p}_l^T \tilde{l}_l &= 0 \\ \tilde{l}_r &= E p_l & \tilde{l}_l &= E^T p_r \end{aligned}$$

Epipoles:

$$e_r^T E = 0 \quad E e_l = 0$$

# Fundamental Matrix

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The essential matrix uses **CAMERA** coordinates

To use image coordinates we must consider the INTRINSIC camera parameters:

$$\bar{p}_l = M_l p_l \quad p_l = M_l^{-1} \bar{p}_l$$

$$\bar{p}_r = M_r p_r \quad p_r = M_r^{-1} \bar{p}_r$$

# Fundamental Matrix

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$$p_l = M_l^{-1} \bar{p}_l \quad p_r^T E p_l = 0$$
$$p_r = M_r^{-1} \bar{p}_r$$

$$(M_r^{-1} \bar{p}_r)^T E (M_l^{-1} \bar{p}_l) = 0$$

$$\bar{p}_r^T (M_r^{-T} E M_l^{-1}) \bar{p}_l = 0$$

$$\boxed{\bar{p}_r^T F \bar{p}_l = 0}$$

# Fundamental Matrix Properties

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has rank 2

depends on the **INTRINSIC** and **EXTRINSIC** Parameters (f, etc ; R & T)

$$F = M_r^{-T} R S M_l^{-1}$$

**Analogous to the Essential matrix, the Fundamental matrix also tells how points in each image are related to epipolar lines in the other image.**

# Computing F: The 8 pt Algorithm

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Assume that you have  $m$  correspondences

Each correspondence satisfies:

$$\bar{p}_r_i^T F \bar{p}_l_i = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

- $F$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix (9 entries) but rank 2
- **HOMOGENEOUS** linear system with 9 unknowns
- Need  $m \geq 8$ ; solution will be up to a constant

# Computing F: The 8 pt Algorithm

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$$\bar{p}_{li} = (x_i \ y_i \ 1)^T \quad \bar{p}_{ri} = (x'_i \ y'_i \ 1)^T$$

$$\bar{p}_{ri}^T F \bar{p}_{li} = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_i & y'_i & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

# Computing F: The 8 pt Algorithm

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_i & y'_i & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$x_i x'_i f_{11} + x_i y'_i f_{21} + x_i f_{31} + \\ y_i x'_i f_{12} + y_i y'_i f_{22} + y_i f_{32} + \\ x'_i f_{13} + y'_i f_{23} + f_{33} = 0$$

# Computing F: The 8 pt Algorithm

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1x'_1 & x_1y'_1 & x_1 & y_1x'_1 & y_1y'_1 & y_1 & x'_1 & y'_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_mx'_m & x_my'_m & x_m & y_mx'_m & y_my'_m & y_m & x'_m & y'_m & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

# Solving Homogeneous Systems

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Assume that we need to find the non trivial solution of:

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

with  $m$  equations and  $n$  unknowns,  $m \geq n - 1$  and  $\text{rank}(A) = n-1$

Since the norm of  $\mathbf{x}$  is arbitrary, we will look for a solution with norm  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$

# Least Square solution

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We want  $Ax$  as close to 0 as possible and  $\|x\| = 1$ :

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|A\mathbf{x}\|^2 \text{ s.t. } \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1$$

$$\|A\mathbf{x}\|^2 = (A\mathbf{x})^T (A\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A^T A \mathbf{x}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$$

# Optimization with constraints

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Define the following cost:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A^T A \mathbf{x} - \lambda(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 1)$$

This cost is called the LAGRANGIAN cost and  $\lambda$  is called the LAGRANGIAN multiplier

The Lagrangian incorporates the constraints into the cost function by introducing extra variables.

# Optimization with constraints

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$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A^T A \mathbf{x} - \lambda (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 1) \right\}$$

Taking derivatives wrt to  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\lambda$ :

$$A^T A \mathbf{x} - \lambda \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 1 = 0$$

- The first equation is an eigenvector problem
- The second equation is the original constraint

# Optimization with constraints

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$$A^T A \mathbf{x} - \lambda \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$A^T A \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$$

- $\mathbf{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $A^T A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ :  $e_\lambda$

$$\mathcal{L}(e_\lambda) = e_\lambda^T A^T A e_\lambda - \lambda(e_\lambda^T e_\lambda - 1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(e_\lambda) = \lambda e_\lambda^T e_\lambda = \lambda$$

- We want the eigenvector with smallest eigenvalue

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We can find the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  by finding the Singular Value Decomposition of  $A$

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

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Any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  can be written as the product of 3 matrices:

$$A = UDV^T$$

Where:

- $U$  is  $m \times m$  and its columns are orthonormal vectors
- $V$  is  $n \times n$  and its columns are orthonormal vectors
- $D$  is  $m \times n$  diagonal and its diagonal elements are called the singular values of  $A$ , and are such that:

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$$

# SVD Properties

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$$A = UDV^T$$

- The columns of  $U$  are the eigenvectors of  $AA^T$
- The columns of  $V$  (rows of  $V^T$ ) are the eigenvectors of  $A^TA$
- The squares of the diagonal elements of  $D$  are the eigenvalues of  $AA^T$  and  $A^TA$

# Computing F: The 8 pt Algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1x'_1 & x_1y'_1 & x_1 & y_1x'_1 & y_1y'_1 & y_1 & x'_1 & y'_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_mx'_m & x_my'_m & x_m & y_mx'_m & y_my'_m & y_m & x'_m & y'_m & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$A\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad \text{A has rank 8}$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} ||A\mathbf{x}||^2 \text{ s.t. } ||\mathbf{x}||^2 = 1$$

- Find the eigenvector of  $A^T A$  with smallest eigenvalue!

# Algorithm EIGHT\_POINT

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The input is formed by  $m$  point correspondences,  $m \geq 8$

Construct the  $m \times 9$  matrix  $A$

Find the SVD of  $A$ :  $A = UDV^T$

The columns of  $V$  are the eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ ; the last one corresponds to the smallest eigenvalue:

The entries of  $F$  are the components of the last column of  $V$  corresponding to the least s.v.

# Algorithm EIGHT\_POINT

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$F$  must be singular. To enforce it:

Find the SVD of  $F$ :  $F = U_f D_f V_f^T$

Set smallest s.v. of  $F$  to 0 to create  $D'_f$

Recompute  $F$ :  $F = U_f D'_f V_f^T$

# Example

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# Example

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# Numerical Details

The coordinates of corresponding points can have a wide range leading to numerical instabilities.

It is better to first normalize them so they have average 0 and std dev 1 and de-normalize F at the end:

$$\hat{x}_i = Tx_i \quad \hat{x}'_i = T'x'_i$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} & 0 & -\mu_x \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma^2} & -\mu_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = T' T F_n T$$

# Image Rectification

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Assuming extrinsic parameters  $R$  &  $T$  are known, compute the image transformation that makes conjugate epipolar lines collinear and parallel to the horizontal image axis

# Image Rectification

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Rectification involves two rotations:

First rotation sends epipole to infinity along horizontal axis

Second rotation makes epipolar lines parallel

Rotate the left and right cameras with first  $R_1$

Rotate the right camera with the R matrix

Adjust scales in both camera references

# Image Rectification

Build the first rotation:

$$R_{rect} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1^T \\ \mathbf{e}_2^T \\ \mathbf{e}_3^T \end{bmatrix}$$

with:  $\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{T}}{||\mathbf{T}||}$  makes epipole go to the hor. axis

$$\mathbf{e}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_x^2 + T_y^2}} \begin{bmatrix} -T_y \\ T_x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

orthogonal  
to optical  
axis

$$\mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{e}_1 \times \mathbf{e}_2$$

# Algorithm Rectification

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Build the matrix  $R_{rect}$

Set  $R_l = R_{rect}$  and  $R_r = R \cdot R_{rect}$

For each left point  $p_l = (x, y, f)^T$

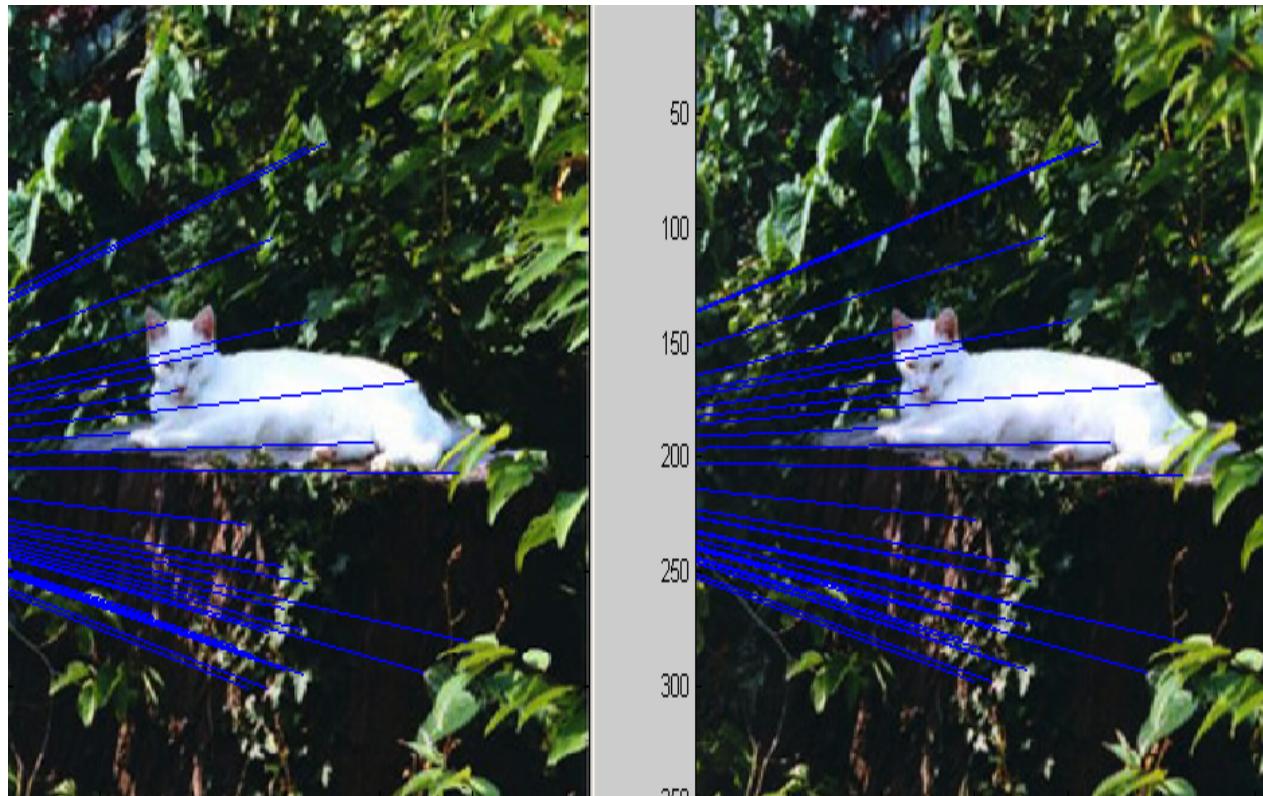
compute  $R_l p_l = (x', y', z')^T$

Compute  $p'_l = f/z' (x', y', z')^T$

Repeat above for the right camera with  $R_r$  and  $p_r$

# Image Rectification

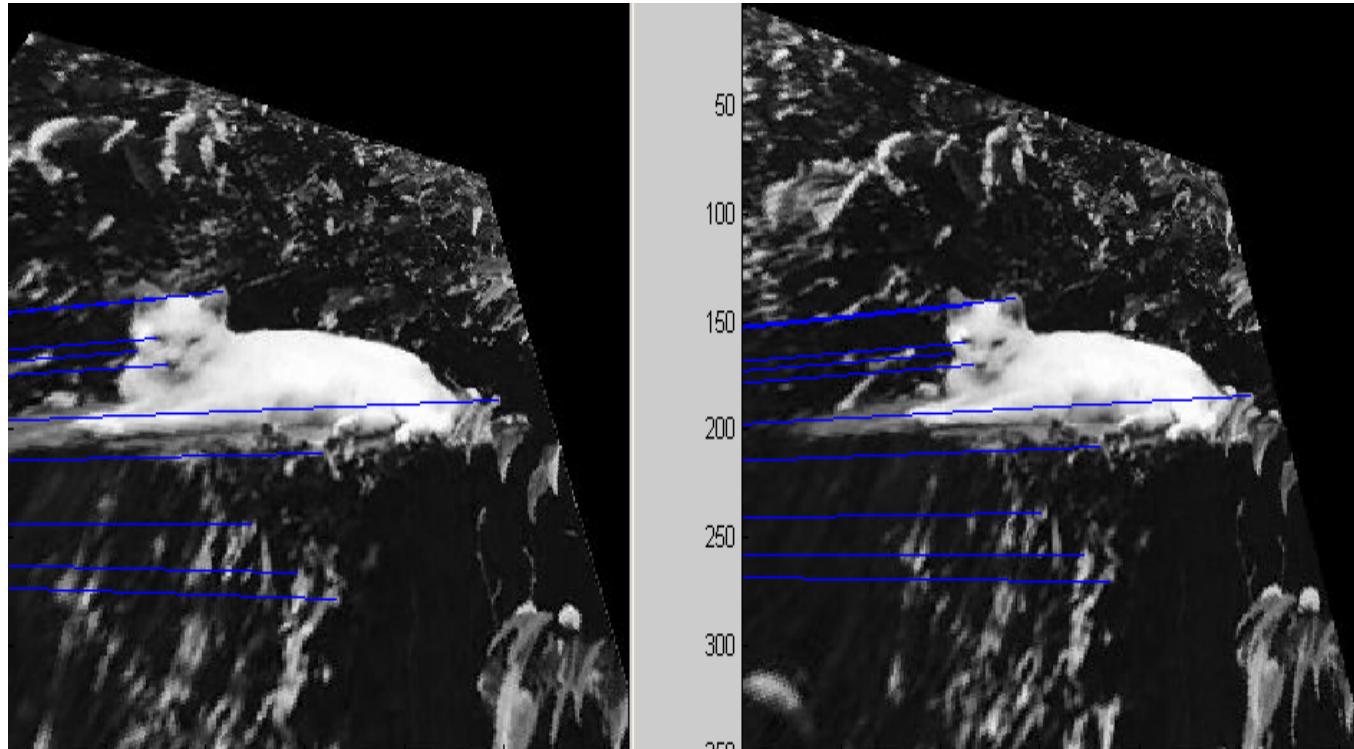
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Stereo Images prior to rectification

# Image rectification

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Stereo Images after rectification

# Image Rectification

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# 3D Reconstruction

# 3D Reconstruction

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3 cases:

Fully calibrated: intrinsic & extrinsic parameters are known.

UNAMBIGUOUS reconstruction

Only intrinsic parameters are known.

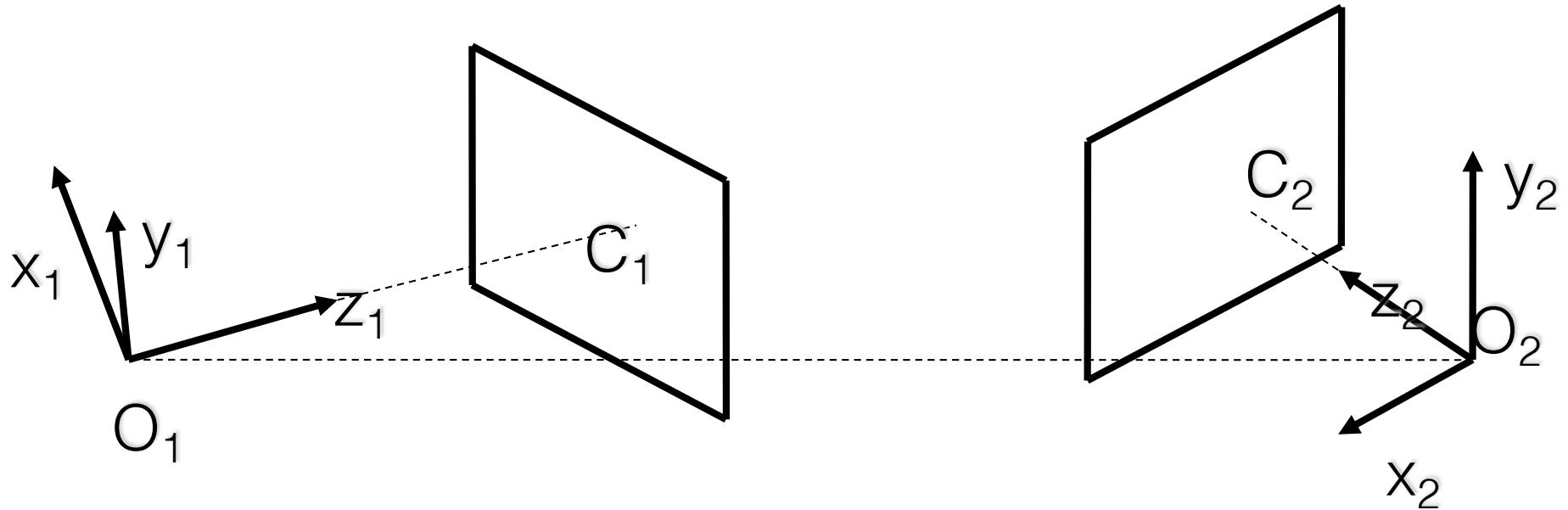
Up to a SCALE FACTOR

No parameters are known.

Up to an UNKNOWN PROJECTIVE transformation

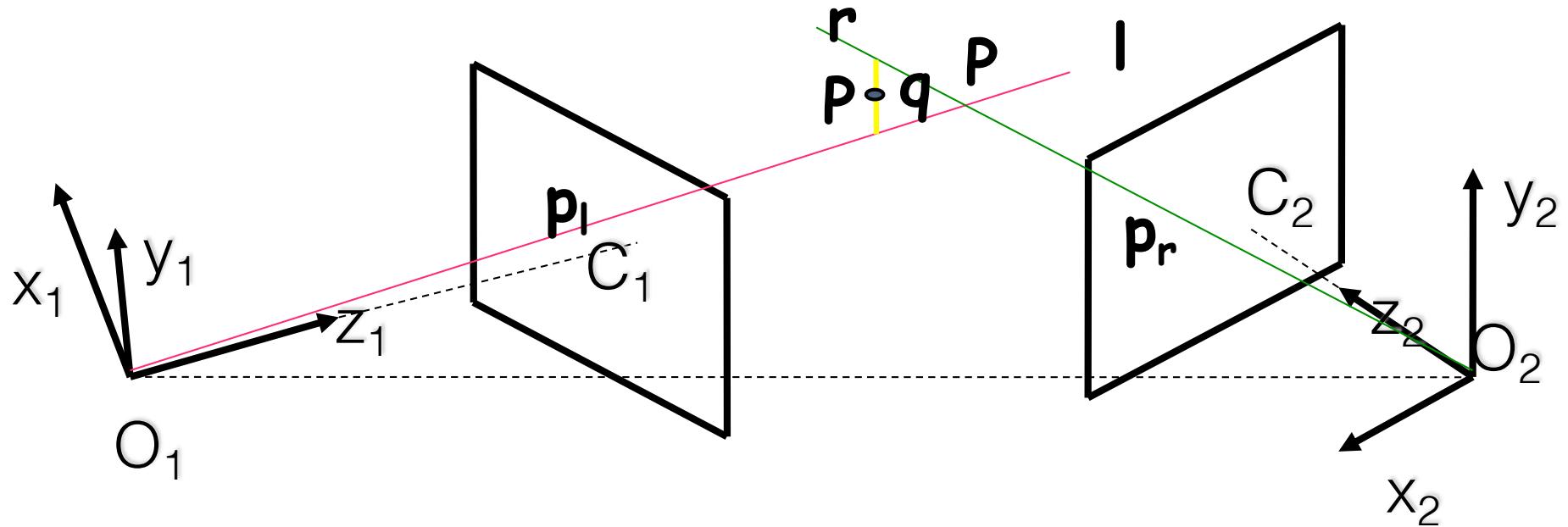
FULLY CALIBRATED

# Parameters of a Stereo System



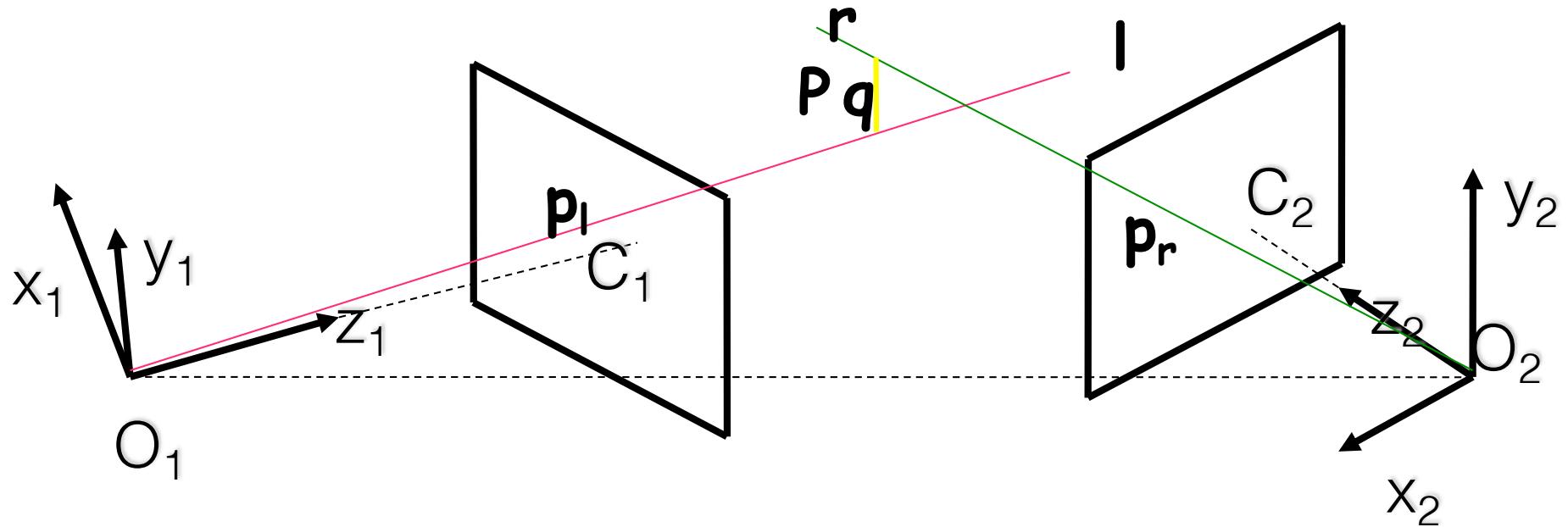
- Intrinsic:
  - $f_1$  and  $f_2$ : focal lengths
  - $c_1$  and  $c_2$ : principal points
  - Pixel size
- Extrinsic
  - Transformation ( $R, T$ ) between cameras

# 3D Reconstruction



- $P$  should lie in the intersection of the 2 rays  $r$  and  $I$
- Due to numerical errors, correspondences errors, noise, etc, the rays may not intersect!

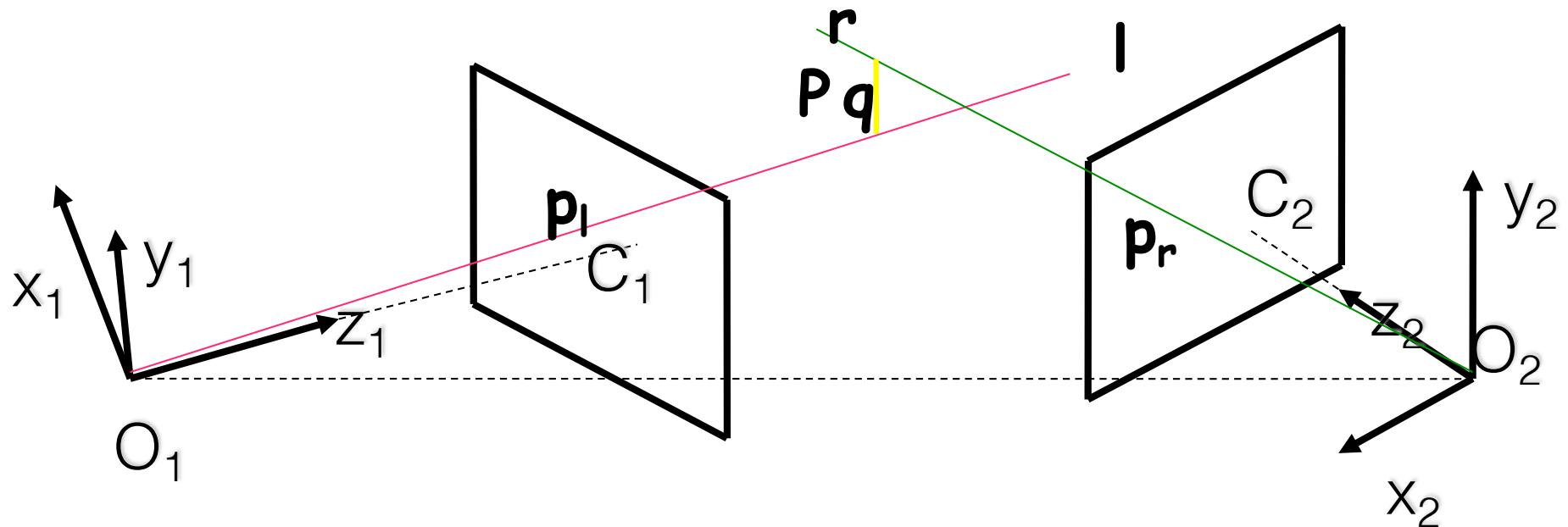
# 3D Reconstruction



$$T = O_r - O_l$$

$$P_r = R(P_l - T)$$

# 3D Reconstruction



$$T = O_r - O_l$$

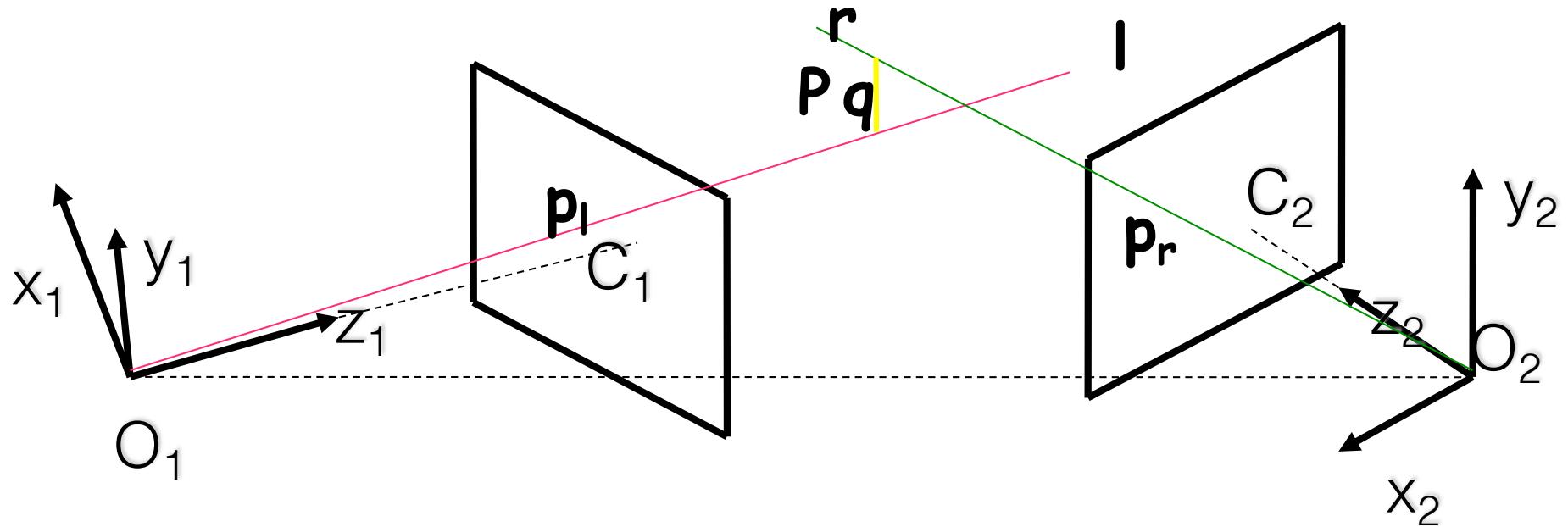
$$P_r = R(P_l - T)$$

**Ray l:**

$$p = a \cdot p_l$$

a is a real number

# 3D Reconstruction



$$T = O_r - O_l$$

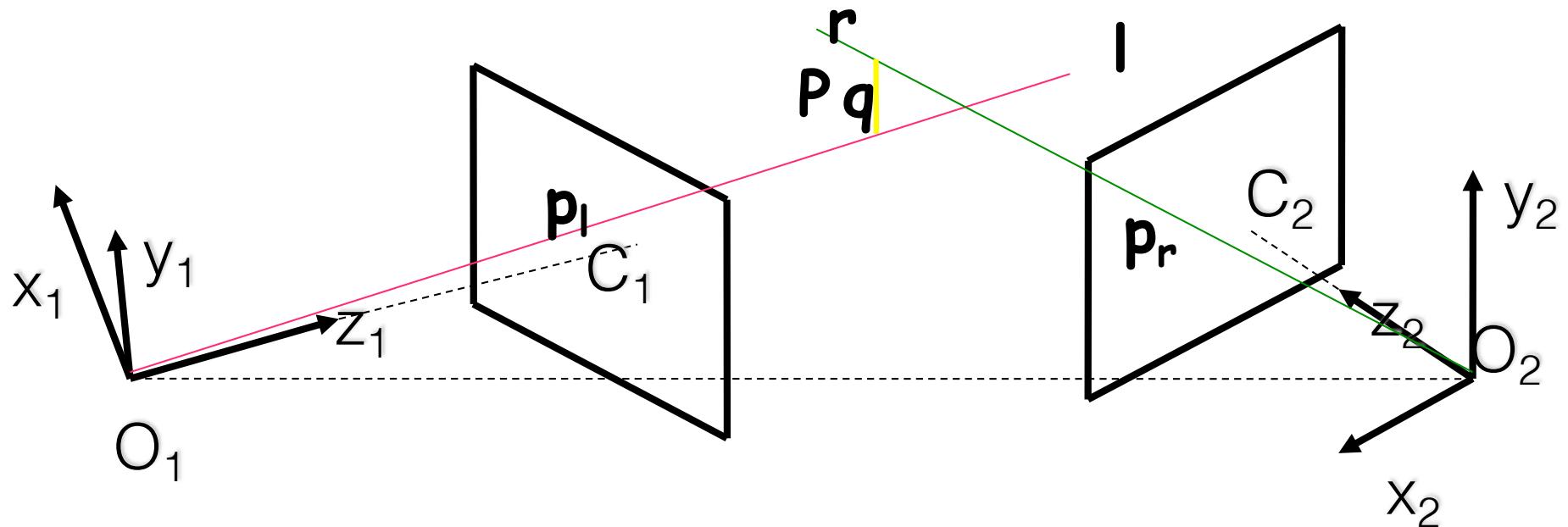
$$P_r = R(P_l - T)$$

**Ray r:**

$$p = T + b \cdot R^T p_r$$

**b** is a real number

# 3D Reconstruction



**Ray I:**

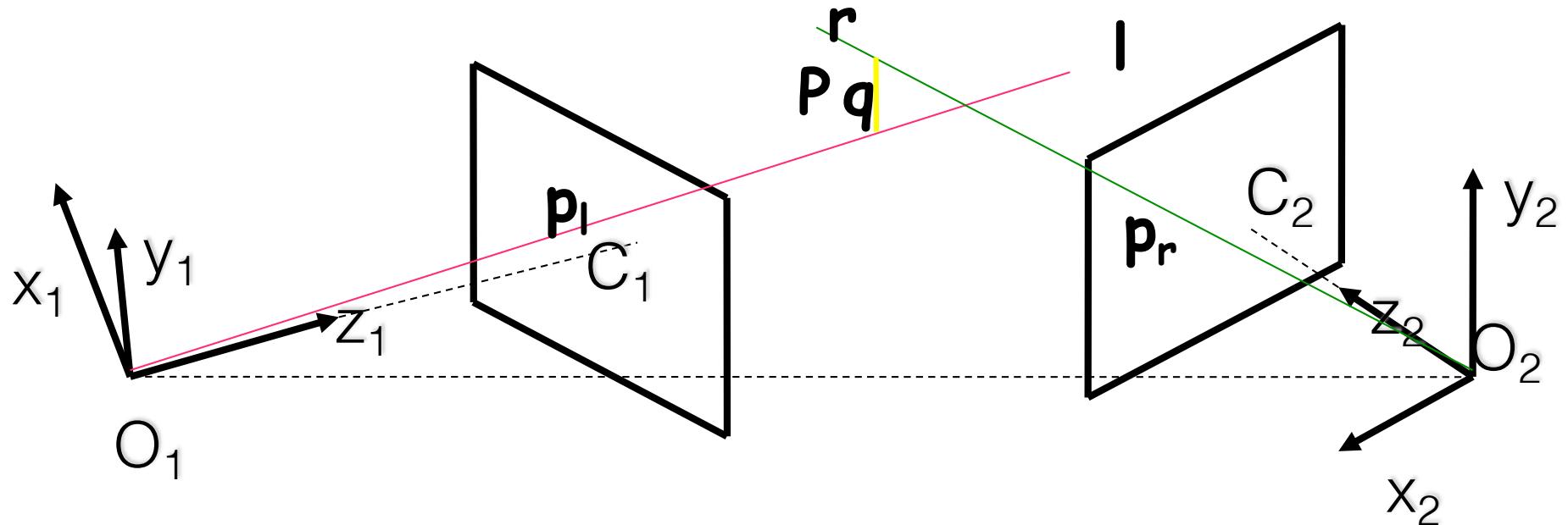
$$p = a \cdot p_l$$

**Ray r:**

$$p = T + b \cdot R^T p_r$$

Consider now a line PERPENDICULAR to both

# 3D Reconstruction



**Ray l:**

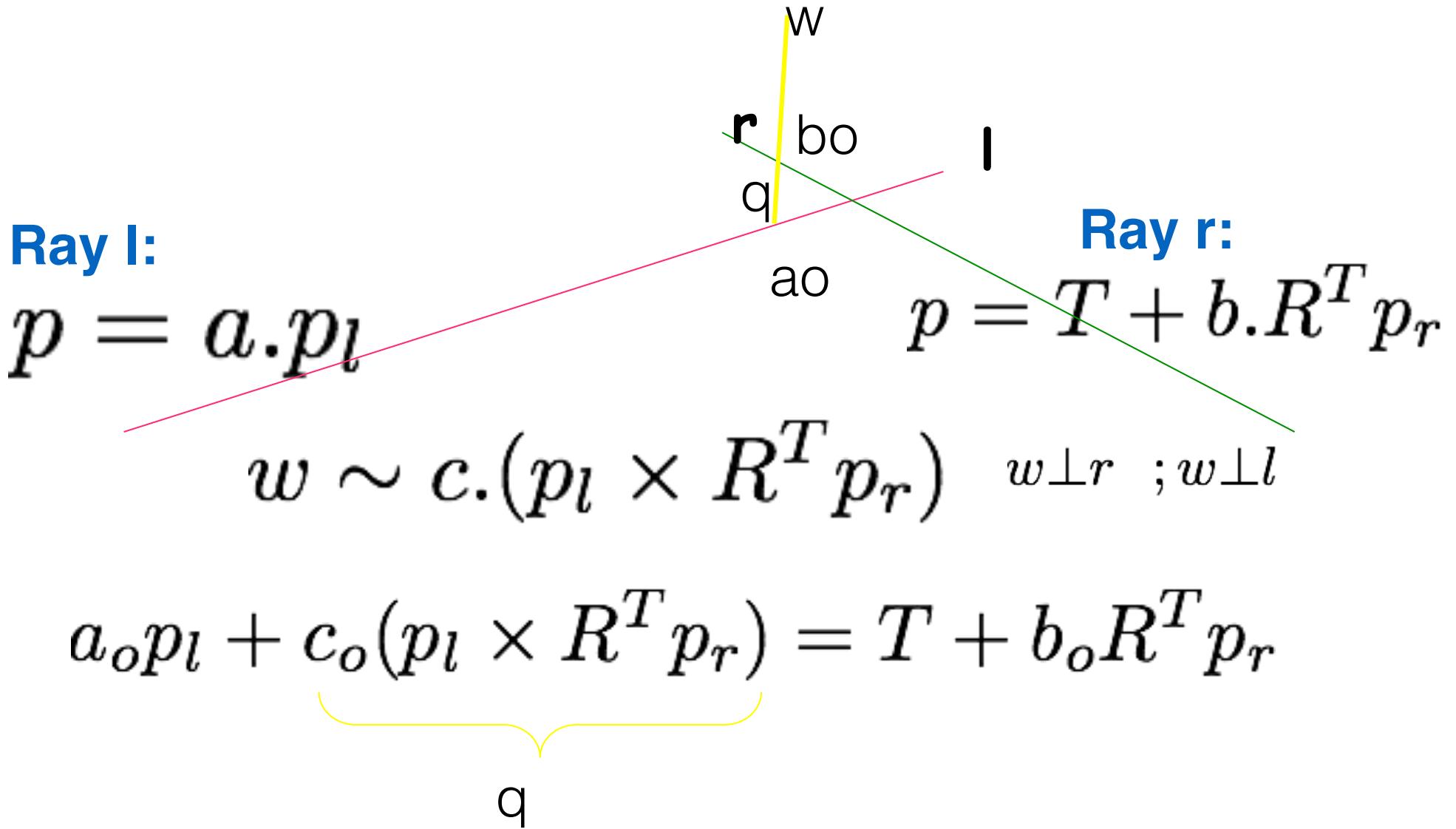
$$p = a \cdot p_l$$

$$w \sim c \cdot (p_l \times R^T p_r) \quad w \perp r ; w \perp l$$

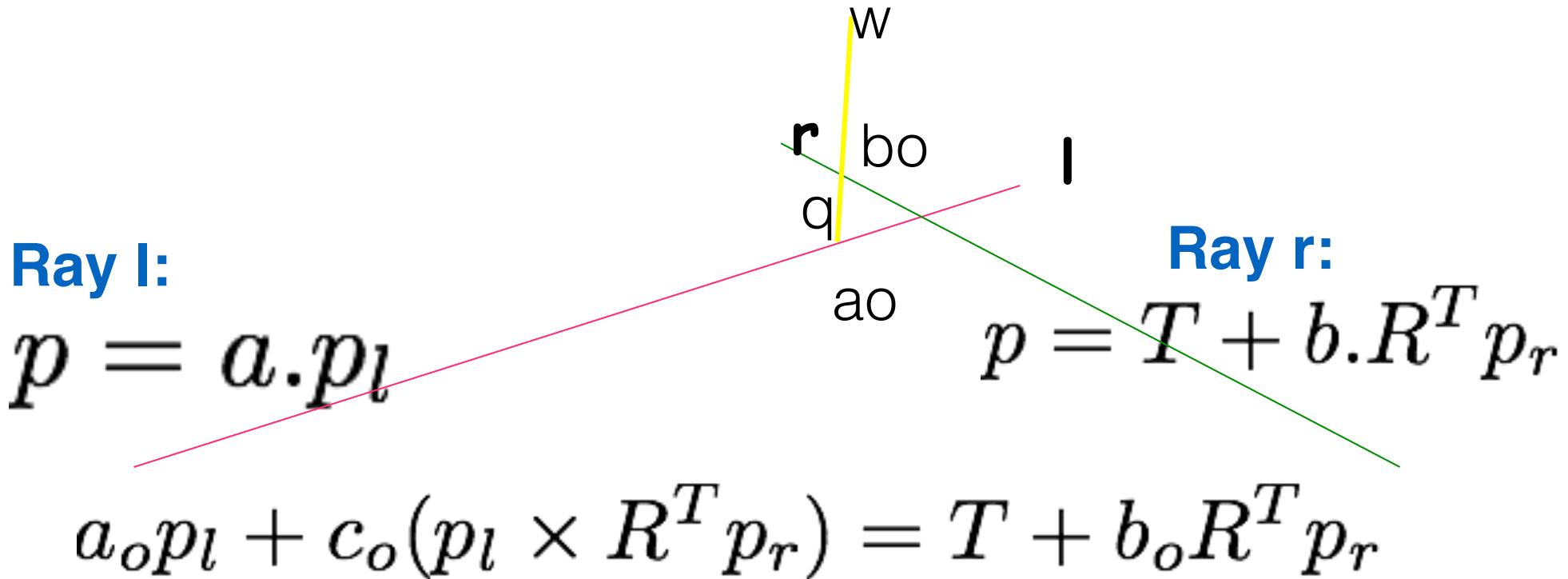
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$$p = T + b \cdot R^T p_r$$

# 3D Reconstruction

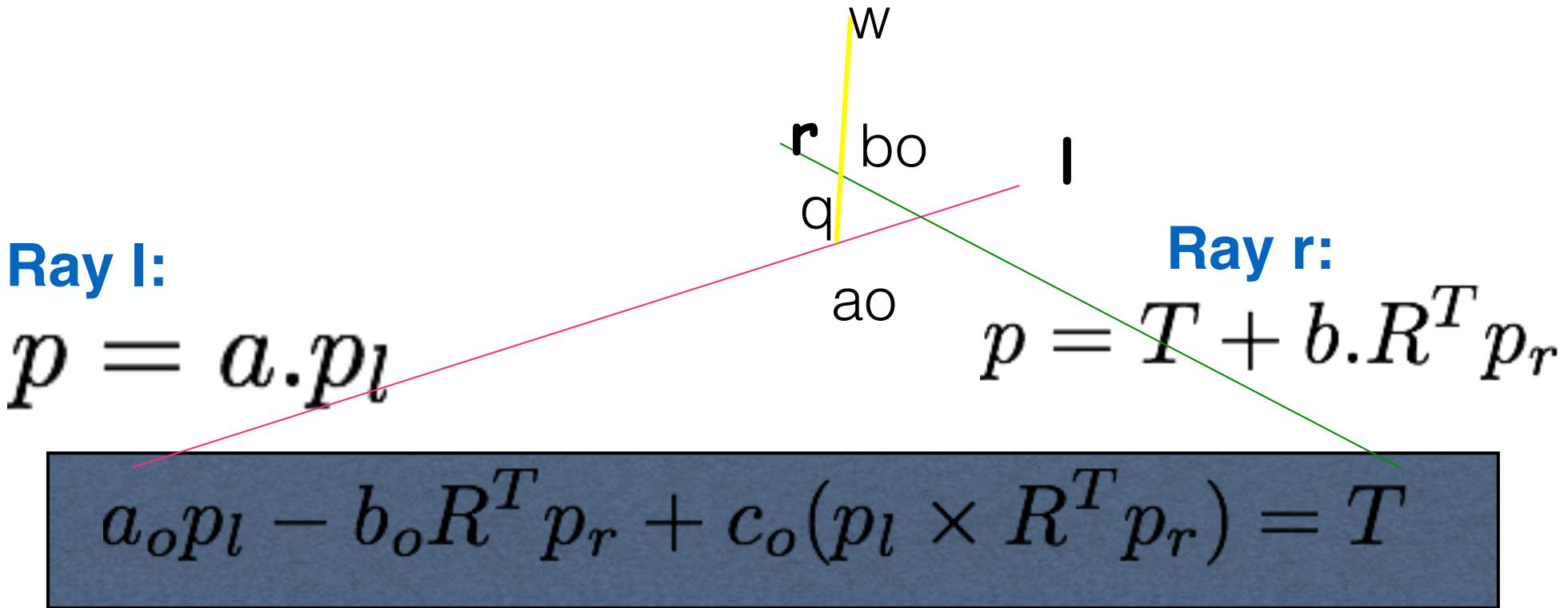


# 3D Reconstruction



$$a_o p_l - b_o R^T p_r + c_o (p_l \times R^T p_r) = T$$

# 3D Reconstruction



Solve for  $a_o$ ,  $b_o$ , and  $c_o$ . How?

Choose  $P$  as the Midpoint of segment  $a_o b_o$

Only INTRINSIC parameters known

3D Reconstruction

Up to a Scale Factor

# 3D Reconstruction

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Assume:

Intrinsic parameters are known for both cameras

$N \geq 8$  correspondences are given;

The Essential matrix was found from the above

Since we don't know the BASELINE, we cannot recover the SCALE of the scene.

Reconstruction is up to a scale factor

# 3D Reconstruction

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4 steps:

- 1) Recover a normalized translation vector  $T$   
True orientation (up to a sign), but unit length
- 2) Recover rotation  $R$
- 3) Reconstruct  $Z_l$  and  $Z_r$  for each point
- 4) Test the signs for consistency and to recover true sign of  $T$

# Step 1: Recover T (up to a scale)

Remember the Essential Matrix:

$$E = R S$$

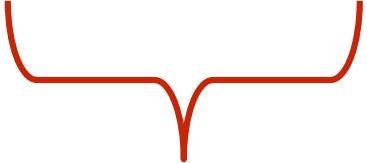
R is the rotation matrix

$$T \times P_l = S P_l = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{l_x} \\ P_{l_y} \\ P_{l_z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_y P_{l_z} - T_z P_{l_y} \\ T_z P_{l_x} - T_x P_{l_z} \\ T_x P_{l_y} - T_y P_{l_x} \end{bmatrix}$$

S has rank 2 ; it depends only on T

# Step 1: Recover T (up to a scale)

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$$E^T E = S^T R^T R S = S^T S$$


**Identity!**

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Step 1: Recover T (up to a scale)

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$$E^T E = S^T S$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T_z & -T_y \\ -T_z & 0 & T_x \\ T_y & -T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad S^T S = \begin{bmatrix} T_y^2 + T_z^2 & -T_x T_y & -T_x T_z \\ -T_x T_y & T_z^2 + T_x^2 & -T_y T_z \\ -T_x T_z & -T_y T_z & T_x^2 + T_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Step 1: Recover T (up to a scale)

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$$E^T E = S^T S$$

$$S^T S = \begin{bmatrix} T_y^2 + T_z^2 & -T_x T_y & -T_x T_z \\ -T_x T_y & T_z^2 + T_x^2 & -T_y T_z \\ -T_x T_z & -T_y T_z & T_x^2 + T_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute the TRACE:

$$\text{Trace}(S^T S) = 2T_x^2 + 2T_y^2 + 2T_z^2 = 2||T||^2$$

$$N = \sqrt{\text{Trace}(S^T S)/2}$$

Normalization  
factor

# Step 1: Recover T (up to a scale)

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$$E^T E = S^T S$$

$$S^T S = \begin{bmatrix} T_y^2 + T_z^2 & -T_x T_y & -T_x T_z \\ -T_x T_y & T_z^2 + T_x^2 & -T_y T_z \\ -T_x T_z & -T_y T_z & T_x^2 + T_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Normalize T by N:  $N = \sqrt{\text{Trace}(S^T S)/2}$

$$\hat{T} = \frac{T}{\|T\|} = \frac{T}{N}$$

# Step 1: Recover T (up to a scale)

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$$E^T E = S^T S$$

$$S^T S = \begin{bmatrix} T_y^2 + T_z^2 & -T_x T_y & -T_x T_z \\ -T_x T_y & T_z^2 + T_x^2 & -T_y T_z \\ -T_x T_z & -T_y T_z & T_x^2 + T_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the normalized translation (divide by N the matrix above):

$$\hat{E}^T \hat{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \hat{T}_x^2 & -\hat{T}_x \hat{T}_y & -\hat{T}_x \hat{T}_z \\ -\hat{T}_y \hat{T}_x & 1 - \hat{T}_y^2 & -\hat{T}_y \hat{T}_z \\ -\hat{T}_z \hat{T}_x & -\hat{T}_z \hat{T}_y & 1 - \hat{T}_z^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Step 1: Recover $\mathbf{T}$ (up to a scale)

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$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}^T \hat{\mathbf{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \hat{T}_x^2 & -\hat{T}_x \hat{T}_y & -\hat{T}_x \hat{T}_z \\ -\hat{T}_y \hat{T}_x & 1 - \hat{T}_y^2 & -\hat{T}_y \hat{T}_z \\ -\hat{T}_z \hat{T}_x & -\hat{T}_z \hat{T}_y & 1 - \hat{T}_z^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}$

This can be done from any row or column.  
**HOWEVER**, only up to a sign since each entry is quadratic

## Step 2: Find R

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$\hat{E}_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  row of  $\hat{E}$

Define:  $w_i = \hat{E}_i \times \hat{T}$

Then (Exercise!):

$$R_1 = w_1 + w_2 \times w_3$$

$$R_2 = w_2 + w_3 \times w_1$$

$$R_3 = w_3 + w_1 \times w_2$$

Are the rows of R

# Step 3: Find $Z_I$ and $Z_R$

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Given  $E$  (up to a sign factor)

we can find  $T$  up to a sign (and scale factor)

Once we have  $T$  we can find  $R$

Therefore, we have 4 possibilities for  $(T, R)$ , depending on the sign of  $E$  and  $T$ !

## Step 3: Find Zl and Zr

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Consider P expressed in the left and right coordinates: Pl and Pr

$$P_r = R(P_l - T)$$

And consider its left and right images: pl and pr

$$p_r = f_r \frac{R(P_l - T)}{R_3^T(P_l - T)} \quad p_l = f_l \frac{P_l}{Z_l}$$

## Step 3: Find $Z_l$ and $Z_r$

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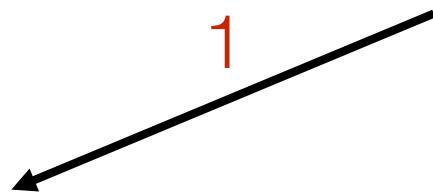
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$$p_l = f_l \frac{P_l}{Z_l}$$

$$x_r = f_r \frac{R_1^T(P_l - T)}{R_3^T(P_l - T)}$$

2  
↓

$$x_r = f_r \frac{R_1^T(Z_l p_l - f_l T)}{R_3^T(Z_l p_l - f_l T)}$$



3 →

$$Z_l = f_l \frac{(f_r R_1 - x_r R_3)^T T}{(f_r R_1 - x_r R_3)^T p_l}$$

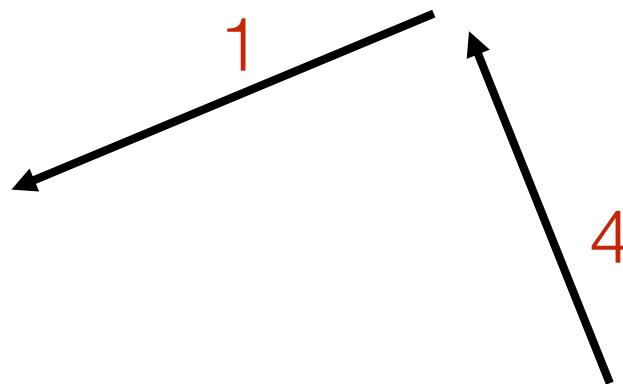
## Step 3: Find ZI and Zr

$$p_r = f_r \frac{R(P_l - T)}{R_3^T(P_l - T)}$$

$$p_l = f_l \frac{P_l}{Z_l} \xrightarrow{5} \text{PI}$$

$$x_r = f_r \frac{R_1^T(P_l - T)}{R_3^T(P_l - T)}$$

$$x_r = f_r \frac{R_1^T(Z_l p_l - f_l T)}{R_3^T(Z_l p_l - f_l T)}$$



$$Z_l = f_l \frac{(f_r R_1 - x_r R_3)^T T}{(f_r R_1 - x_r R_3)^T p_l} \quad \boxed{3}$$

## Step 3: Find ZI and Zr

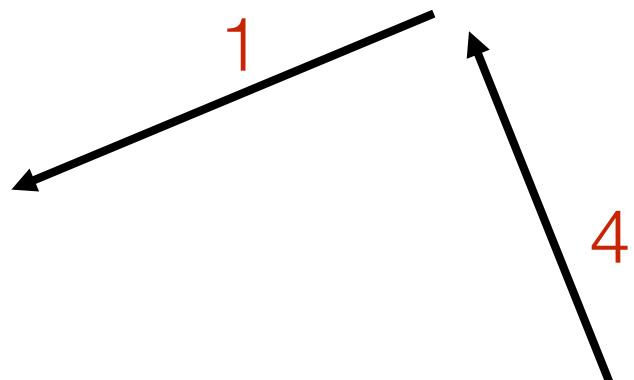
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$$Z_l = f_l \frac{(f_r R_1 - x_r R_3)^T T}{(f_r R_1 - x_r R_3)^T p_l}$$

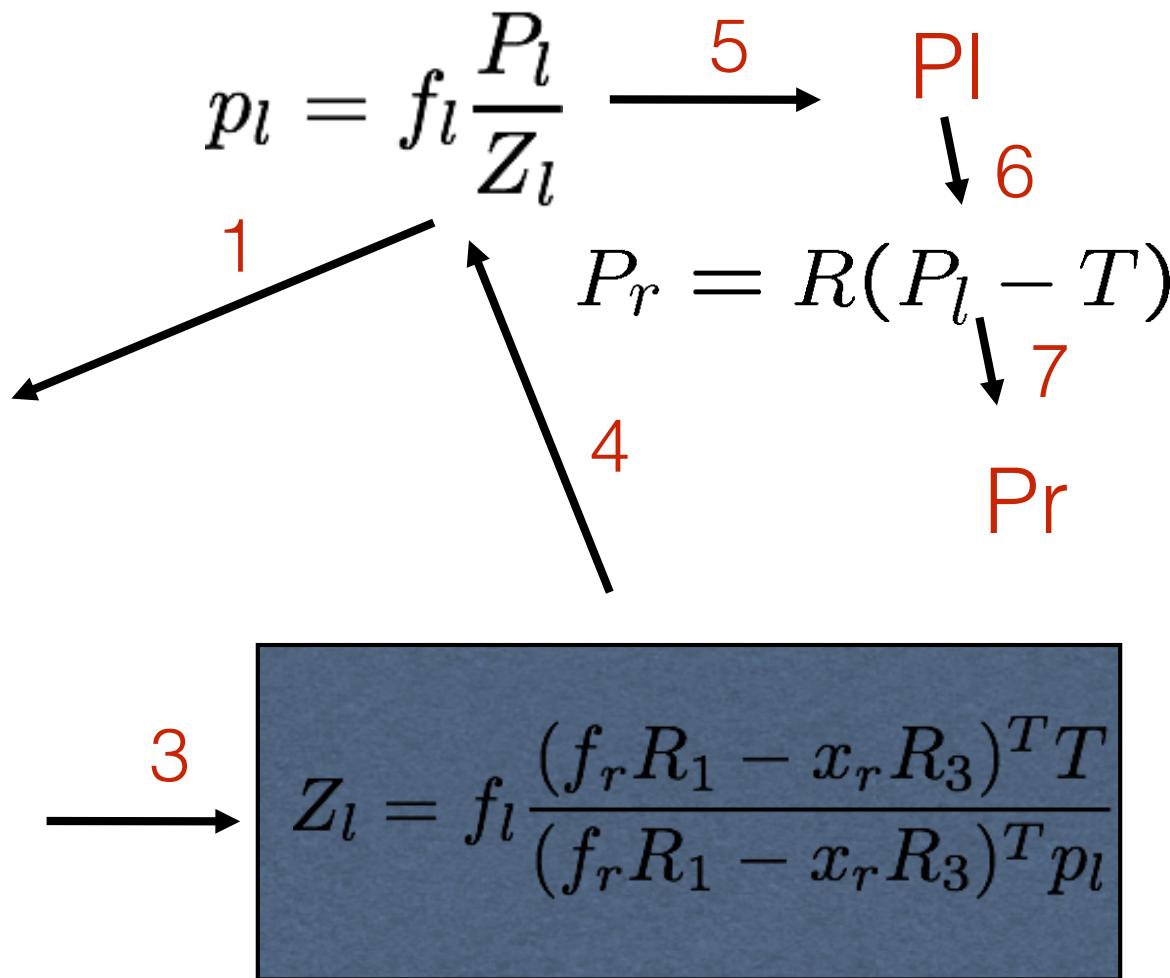
## Step 3: Find $Z_l$ and $Z_r$

$$p_r = f_r \frac{R(P_l - T)}{R_3^T(P_l - T)}$$

$$x_r = f_r \frac{R_1^T(P_l - T)}{R_3^T(P_l - T)}$$

2  
↓

$$x_r = f_r \frac{R_1^T(Z_l p_l - f_l T)}{R_3^T(Z_l p_l - f_l T)}$$



## Step 4: Check the sign of $Z_l$ and $Z_r$

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We had 4 possible pairs  $(R, T)$  and for each pair we can compute  $Z_l$  and  $Z_r$

ONLY one set yields  $Z_l$  and  $Z_r$  positive for ALL the points:

If BOTH  $< 0$  for some pt

    Change the sign of  $T$ , recompute depths

If ONE  $< 0$  for some pt

    Change the sign of each entry in  $E$ , recompute  $R$  and depths

If BOTH  $> 0$  we have the right  $(R, T)$

# NO CALIBRATION

3D Reconstruction

Up to a PROJECTIVITY

# Projective Ambiguity

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Fig. 1.4. **Projective ambiguity:** Reconstructions of a mug (shown with the true shape in the centre) under 3D projective transformations in the Z direction. Five examples of the cup with different degrees of projective distortion are shown. The shapes are quite different from the original.

# 3D Reconstruction

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Assume:

No calibration is known

$N \geq 8$  correspondences are given;

The Fundamental matrix was found from the above

Reconstruction is up to a projectivity

# 3D Reconstruction

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We can recover the projection matrix for each camera up to an unknown projectivity.

Once we have these matrices, we can triangulate in projective space.

# 2D Projectivity

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Consider the projective space  $P^2$

Pts have THREE coordinates  $(X,Y,1)'$

**Recall:** Given 4 correspondences between points (not three colinear) we can find the projectivity (up to a constant) between the points.

# STANDARD BASIS PTS in P2

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$$P_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T$$

$$P_2 = [0, 1, 0]^T$$

$$P_3 = [0, 0, 1]^T$$

$$P_4 = [1, 1, 1]^T$$

# 3D Projectivity

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Consider the projective space  $P^3$

Pts have FOUR coordinates  $(X,Y,Z,1)'$

**Recall:** Given 5 correspondences between points (not three colinear, not four coplanar) we can find the projectivity (up to a constant) between the points.

# STANDARD BASIS PTS in P3

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$$P_1 = [1, 0, 0, 0]^T$$

$$P_2 = [0, 1, 0, 0]^T$$

$$P_3 = [0, 0, 1, 0]^T$$

$$P_4 = [0, 0, 0, 1]^T$$

$$P_5 = [1, 1, 1, 1]^T$$

# 3D Reconstruction

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Choose 4 pts in one image and choose them as a basis for  $p_2$  to  $p_2$   
Corresponding pts in 3D plus one more are chosen as basis for  $p_3$  to  $p_3$

Makes math easier (lots of zeros!)

Solve for  $M$ : matrix projection between  $p$  in  $p_2$  and  $P$  in  $P_3$

Impose that epipoles are in the null space of  $M$ .

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Let  $M$  be the projection matrix for the left image.

Consider first 5 pts where no 3 collinear, 4 no coplanar as the standard basis sent to the standard basis plus one more point:

$$P_1 = [1, 0, 0, 0]^T$$

$$P_2 = [0, 1, 0, 0]^T$$

$$P_3 = [0, 0, 1, 0]^T$$

$$P_4 = [0, 0, 0, 1]^T$$

$$P_5 = [1, 1, 1, 1]^T$$

$$MP_i = \rho_i p_i$$

$$p_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T$$

$$p_2 = [0, 1, 0]^T$$

$$p_3 = [0, 0, 1]^T$$

$$p_4 = [1, 1, 1]^T$$

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$$MP_1 = \rho_1 p_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$MP_4 = \rho_4 p_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_4 \\ \rho_4 \\ \rho_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_1 & 0 & 0 & \rho_4 \\ 0 & \rho_2 & 0 & \rho_4 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho_3 & \rho_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_1 = [1, 0, 0, 0]^T$$

$$P_2 = [0, 1, 0, 0]^T$$

$$P_3 = [0, 0, 1, 0]^T$$

$$P_4 = [0, 0, 0, 1]^T$$

$$P_5 = [1, 1, 1, 1]^T$$

$$p_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T$$

$$p_2 = [0, 1, 0]^T$$

$$p_3 = [0, 0, 1]^T$$

$$p_4 = [1, 1, 1]^T$$

$$p_5 = [\alpha, \beta, \gamma]^T$$

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$$MP_5 = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_1 & 0 & 0 & \rho_4 \\ 0 & \rho_2 & 0 & \rho_4 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho_3 & \rho_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_5\alpha \\ \rho_5\beta \\ \rho_5\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rho_1 = \rho_5\alpha - \rho_4$$

$$\rho_2 = \rho_5\beta - \rho_4$$

$$\rho_3 = \rho_5\gamma - \rho_4$$

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$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_5\alpha - \rho_4 & 0 & 0 & \rho_4 \\ 0 & \rho_5\beta - \rho_4 & 0 & \rho_4 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho_5\gamma - \rho_4 & \rho_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since M is up to a scale:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x - 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \beta x - 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma x - 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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To find  $x$ , consider the projection of the center of projection:

$M$  projects every point in  $P_3$  to  $P_2$ , with the exception of the center of projection  $O$ .

$M$  is rank 3. So  $O$  is the non trivial null space of  $M$ .

$$M \cdot O = 0$$

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$$MO = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x - 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \beta x - 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma x - 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} O_x \\ O_y \\ O_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for O:

$$O_x = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha x}$$

$$O_y = \frac{1}{1 - \beta x}$$

$$O_z = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma x}$$

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Repeat all the above steps for the second camera ...

$$M' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha'x' - 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \beta'x' - 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma'x' - 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$O'_x = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha'x'}$$

$$O'_y = \frac{1}{1 - \beta'x'}$$

$$O'_z = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma'x'}$$

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Now let's use the epipoles (remember that the epipoles are the images of the center of projections of the other camera) to completely find  $M$  and  $M'$ .

$$\begin{aligned} MO' &= \sigma e \\ M'O &= \sigma'e' \\ \sigma \neq 0 \quad \sigma' \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$MO' = \sigma e$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x - 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \beta x - 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma x - 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} O'_x &= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha' x'} \\ O'_y &= \frac{1}{1 - \beta' x'} \\ O'_z &= \frac{1}{1 - \gamma' x'} \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha x - 1 + 1 - \alpha' x' = \sigma(1 - \alpha' x')e_x$$

$$\beta x - 1 + 1 - \beta' x' = \sigma(1 - \beta' x')e_y$$

$$\gamma x - 1 + 1 - \gamma' x' = \sigma(1 - \gamma' x')e_z$$

$$\alpha x - 1 + 1 - \alpha' x' = \sigma(1 - \alpha' x') e_x$$

$$\beta x - 1 + 1 - \beta' x' = \sigma(1 - \beta' x') e_y$$

$$\gamma x - 1 + 1 - \gamma' x' = \sigma(1 - \gamma' x') e_z$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha' & \alpha' e_x \\ \beta & -\beta' & \beta' e_y \\ \gamma & -\gamma' & \gamma' e_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x' \\ \sigma x' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma e_x \\ \sigma e_y \\ \sigma e_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for  $\sigma x'$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha' & \alpha'e_x \\ \beta & -\beta' & \beta'e_y \\ \gamma & -\gamma' & \gamma'e_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x' \\ \sigma x' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma e_x \\ \sigma e_y \\ \sigma e_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_5 & p'_5 & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x' \\ \sigma x' \end{bmatrix} = \sigma e$$

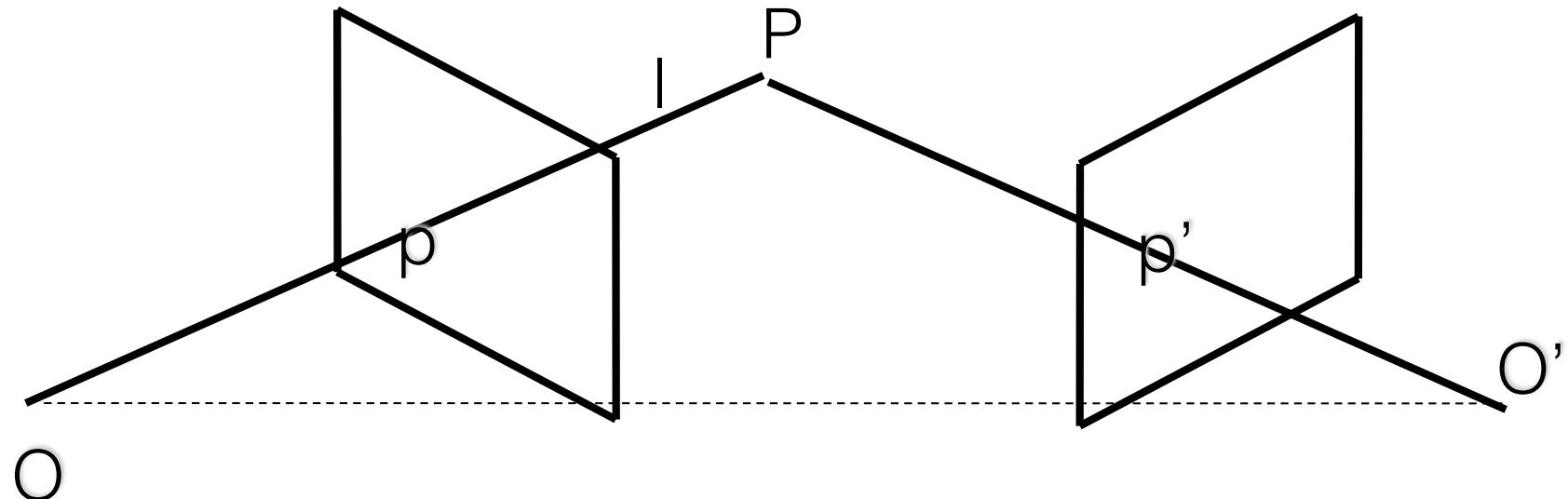
$$\phi x' = \phi \frac{e^T(p_5 \times p'_5)}{v^T(p_5 \times p'_5)}$$

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And similarly for x:

$$x = \frac{e'^T(p_5 \times p'_5)}{v'^T(p_5 \times p'_5)}$$

Now we have  $M$  and  $M'$ ,  $O$  and  $O'$ , so we can reconstruct any point in  $P3$  given its corresponding images  $p$  and  $p'$ .

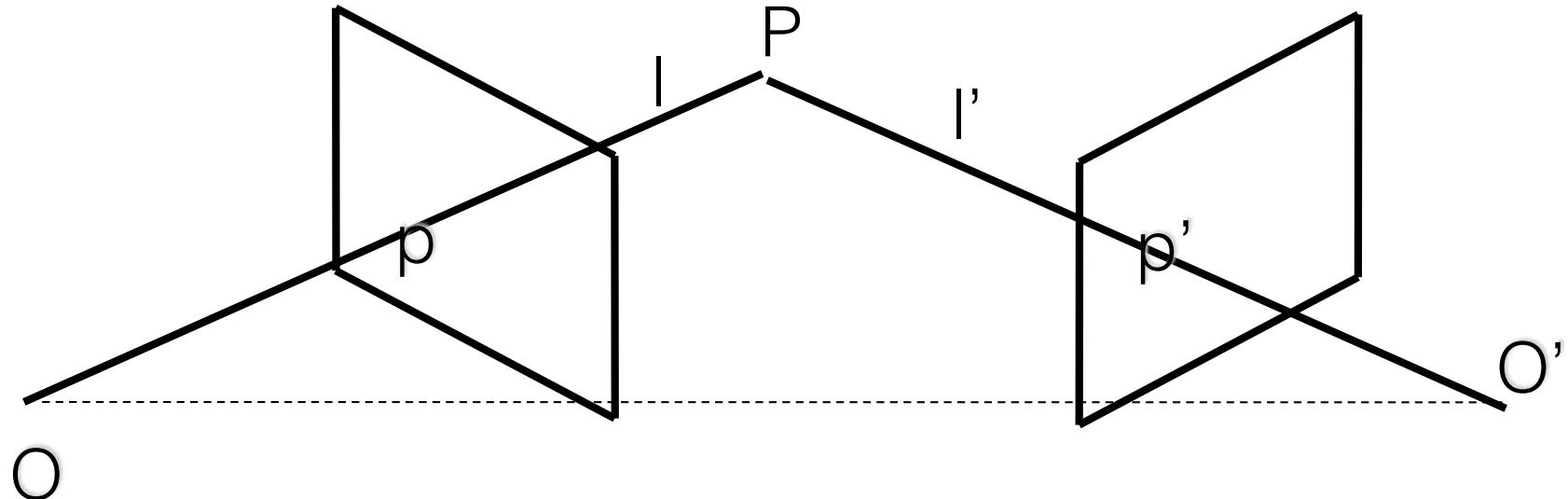


$$\lambda O + \mu [O_x p_x, O_y p_y, O_z p_z, 0]^T$$

Line I that  
passes through  
 $O$  and  $p$

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Similarly, for  $p'$

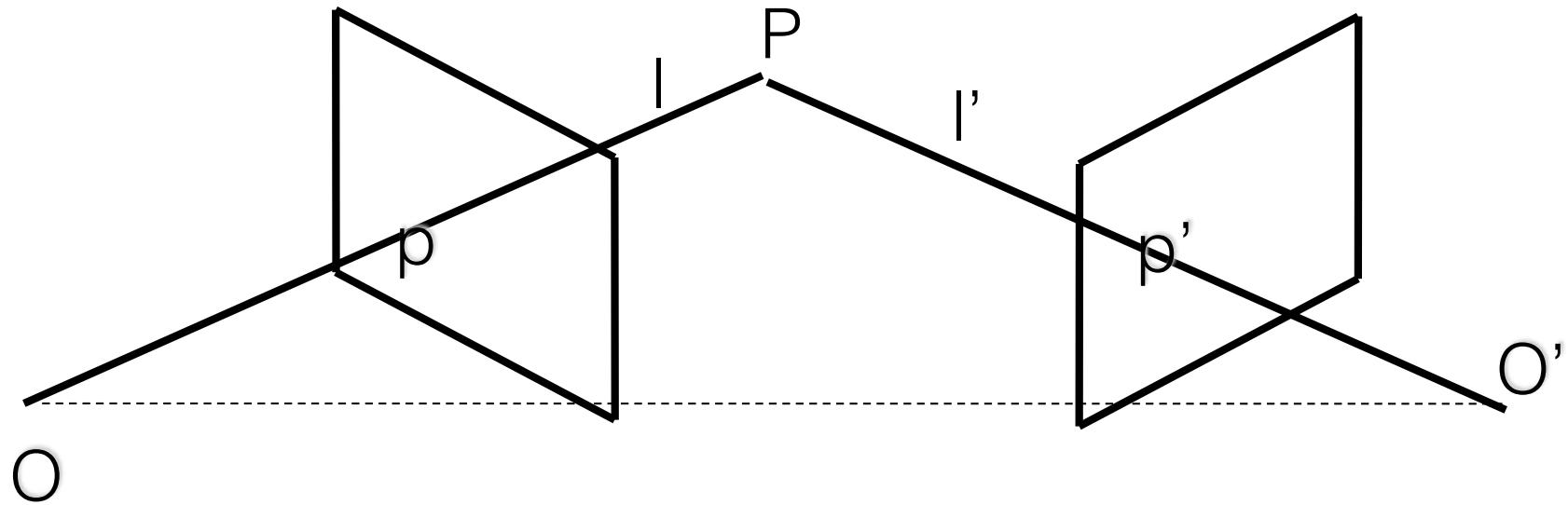


$$\lambda' O' + \mu' [O'_x p'_x, O'_y p'_y, O'_z p'_z, 0]^T$$

Line  $l'$  that  
passes through  
 $O'$  and  $p'$

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P lies in the intersection of l and l'



$$\lambda O + \mu [O_x p_x, O_y p_y, O_z p_z, 0]^T = \lambda' O' + \mu' [O'_x p'_x, O'_y p'_y, O'_z p'_z, 0]^T$$

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$$\lambda O + \mu [O_x p_x, O_y p_y, O_z p_z, 0]^T = \lambda' O' + \mu' [O'_x p'_x, O'_y p'_y, O'_z p'_z, 0]^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} O_x & O_x p_x & -O'_x & -O'_x p'_x \\ O_y & O_x p_y & -O'_y & -O'_y p'_y \\ O_z & O_z p_z & -O'_z & -O'_z p'_z \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \\ \lambda' \\ \mu' \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Compute its SVD:  $UDV'$ .

The solution is given by the column of  $V$  corresponding to the smallest ev.